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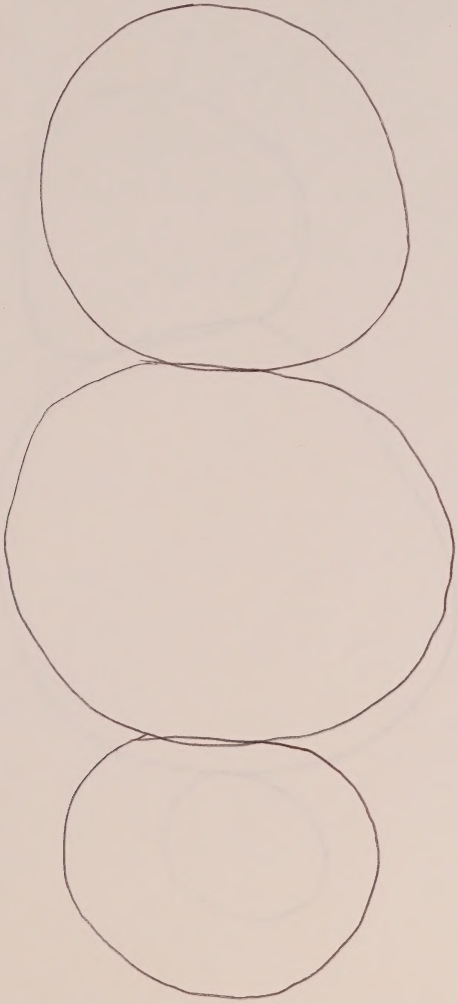

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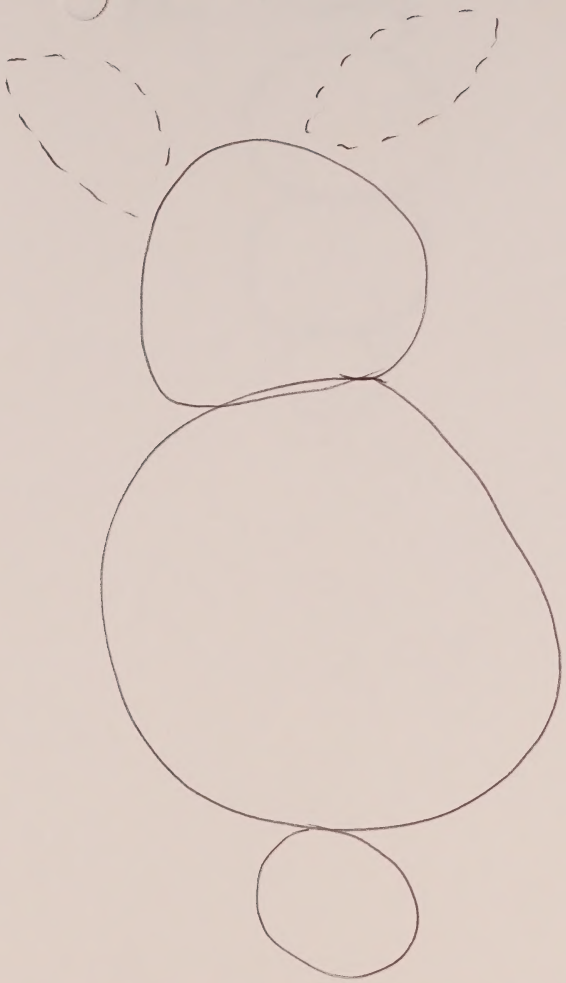

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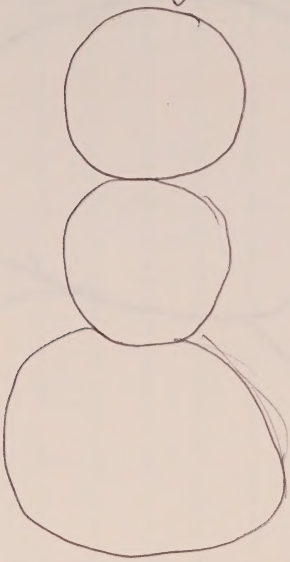

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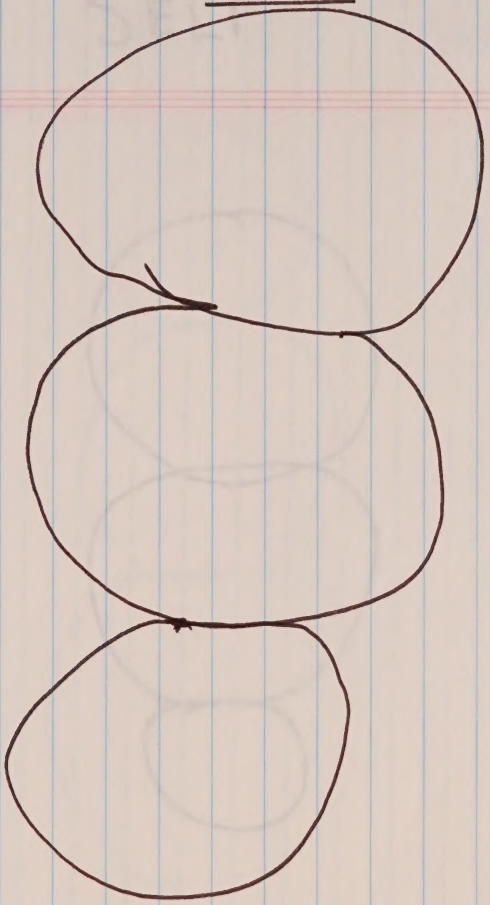

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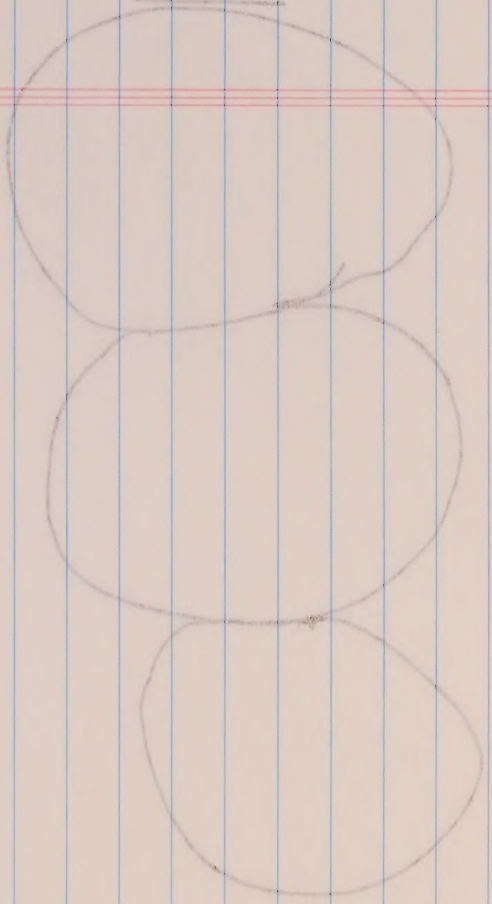

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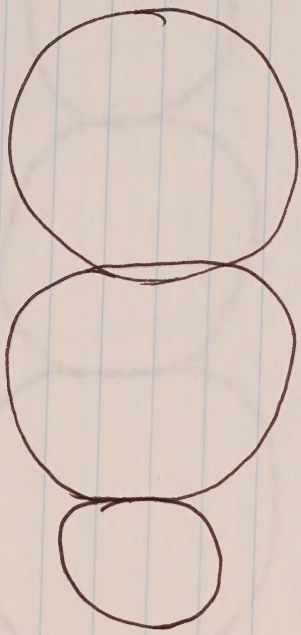

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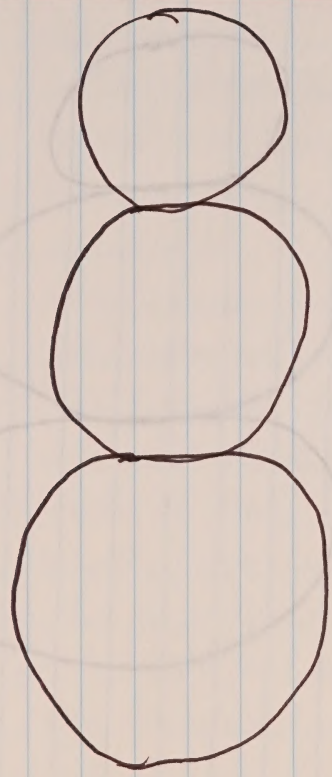

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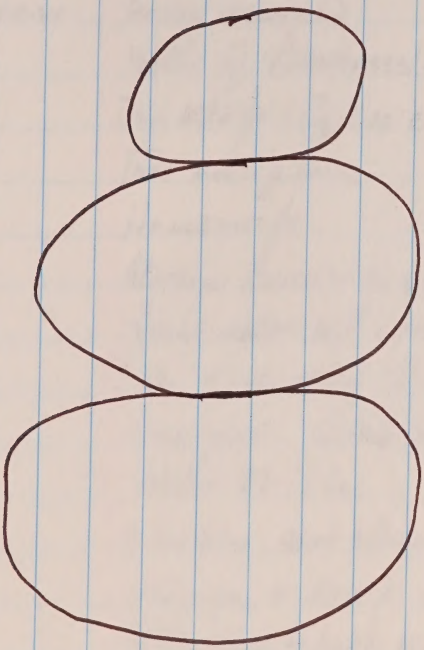

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Elaine Lovelady — Vickie Lovelady

502 Brewer Drive
Bessemer, 35020
428-4928

(40) — (43)

Been together 5 years.

Never married
Native of Bessemer.
Dad wkd for city, tree climber, tree surgeon.
Housewife
Always known gay; first ~~relat~~ acted on at 12. First relat 18-19, abt one year. Relat before Vickie '86-'88.
2 brothers, not close, know she's gay & don't approve. Father close to bro's, wife. 8th bro has alcohol, drug prob. Father lives c them; heart trouble, emphysema, diabetes, hypertension; blocked artery in leg. Father demanding. Hard to live c; stress on relationship. He could do for self but won't (70 yo).

Mgr store, Elaine wkd in.
Prev. married x 2 - '69-73, 73-73.
Avery 12 yo. (Quinton 20 Dylan 6 died) Born Kansas
Grew up Leadville, Colo.
Followed someone here in 77.
Never knew father; step father miner & welder - Mother cleaned houses & gave tours at Opera.
Moved Kansas at 16.
Gay since 1976; sexual c girl at 6-7.
3 sisters, 2 bro (lw) 2 bro 1 dead of AIDS.
Works: Retail, nursing asst, secretary, child care.
GED, 1 sem college.
Relat c alc. female.

Had hill, Oct 89 after meeting in July 89, was done by Sherry Brewster. Worship coordinator. Redo, for bonding, renewal of vows. If became legal, like to have farm met.

| Elaine | | Vickie |
|---|---|---|
| Assembly of God, Pentecostal. Made to be there, doesn't want to go now. | ⟷ | Not forced as child, choice. Comfortable at SO Bapt Ch, later became Pentecostal, Impt. to her |

tues group (4)
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...m. tomorrow, ...ountain Baptist Church, 2017 Columbiana Road; musical guest, the Warblers Club; 822-1670

■ **Senior Choir concert,** 4 p.m. tomorrow, Jones Chapel AME Church, 225 57th St., Fairfield; 786-4047

*Is your church having a sp... event? Send items to Religio... Calendar, Birmingham Post-Herald, P.O. Box 2553, Birmingham, Ala. 35202.*

# Denmark mulls gay church weddings

**By Barnabas Wetton**
Scripps Howard/London Observer Service

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark, the only country in the world that recognizes civil marriage between homosexuals, is considering going a step further by introducing church weddings for gay couples.

Following a request from the Danish Society of Gays and Lesbians, a special commission of Danish bishops and the government's church minister is discussing the proposal to introduce a form of religious marriage for homosexuals.

The issue has prompted a long and serious debate throughout the church. A decision is expected this fall.

Technically, the ceremony would not be a legal marriage but the "blessing of a relationship." Nonetheless, the proposals would put the ceremony on the same spiritual footing as an "ordinary" marriage between a man and a woman, and would be as legally binding as any other marriage service, civil or religious.

If the bishops agree to the proposal it will mean a minor revolution within the country's Lutheran Church, on a par with the introduction of women priests in 1948 and the decision in 1989 to register homosexual relationships in parish records — a move that coincided with the change in Danish law to legalize civil marriage between homosexuals.

Denmark is the only country that recognizes this form of marriage, which confers upon the gay couple the same rights and obligations as those attached to a heterosexual wedding, apart for one crucial clause precluding the adoption of children. Danish gay rights campaigners are now lobbying parliament to have this part of the law amended to give them the same adoption rights as heterosexuals.

Two other ideas are being considered. First, the question of whether church rules should be amended to make it possible to bless a homosexual marriage that has been carried out in a register office (the local government office where civil marriages are performed), and second, the question of conducting emergency registration of couples where one of the partners is dying and wants to have the relationship recorded for posterity.


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Dear friends in God,

***Pride, Love and Union Services*** is a Gay owned and operated company that assists Lesbian and Gay couples in planning their commitment ceremony or holy union. We do this by networking with businesses, both gay and straight identified, nationwide. In effect, we 'prescreen' businesses and services to find out if they want to assist Gay and Lesbian couples in their ceremony plans. This includes law firms, caterers, florists, limousine services, guest houses and hotels, photographers, musicians, and other pertinent services. We then furnish the couple with these important contacts, either in their area, or in the area that they would like to have their ceremony. This ' business referral report ' becomes the centerpiece of a beautiful package we put together for the couple for an extremely reasonable fee. This package also includes sample ceremony certificates, samples of vows that have been used in same sex weddings, the laws that affect same sex marriages in the couples' state and area, a reference list of books and other publications that can be helpful when planning a Lesbian or Gay Wedding, planning checklists, sample same sex marriage contracts, and other helpful ideas concerning their ceremony.

As a member of a Gay and Lesbian Church Organization, I realize that many Gay and Lesbian couples who are planning a ceremony, will be in touch with a Gay or Gay Friendly religious organization at one point or another. I hope you make available our brochure about Commitment Ceremony Coordination. I have enclosed a small amount of these brochures, but please request more at any time.

Of course, there are many Gay and Lesbian couples who do not yet realize that they too are welcome in the house of god; we feel that this is changing. Showing others that Lesbian and Gay couples can have dignified and holy wedding ceremonies is a huge step for the Gay and Lesbian Community. It is time.

If you would like to speak with me further about our service, please give me a call at any time.

Sincerely,

Matt Jiovanni

Network Director

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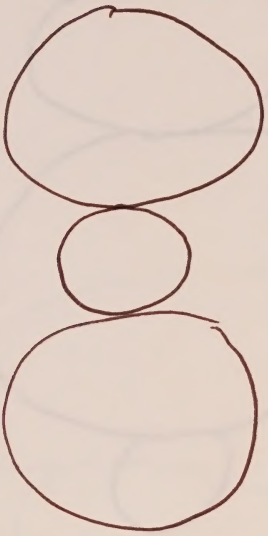

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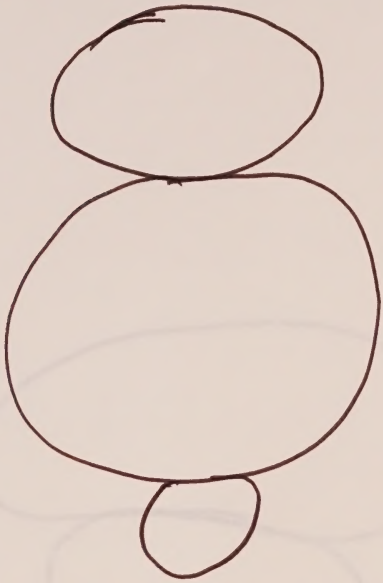

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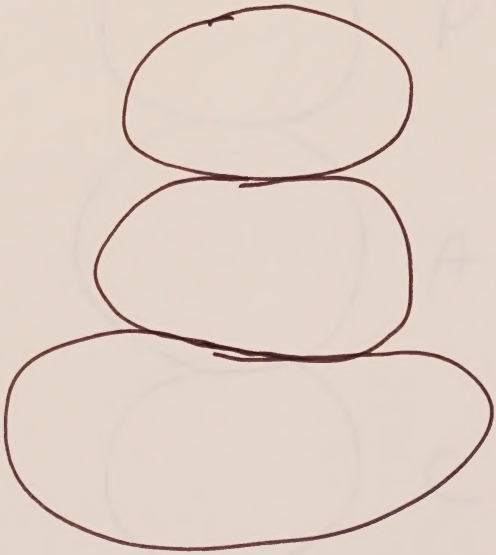

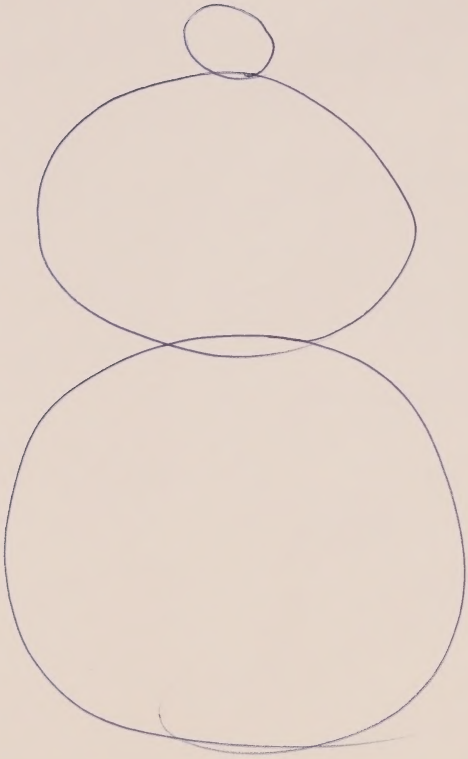

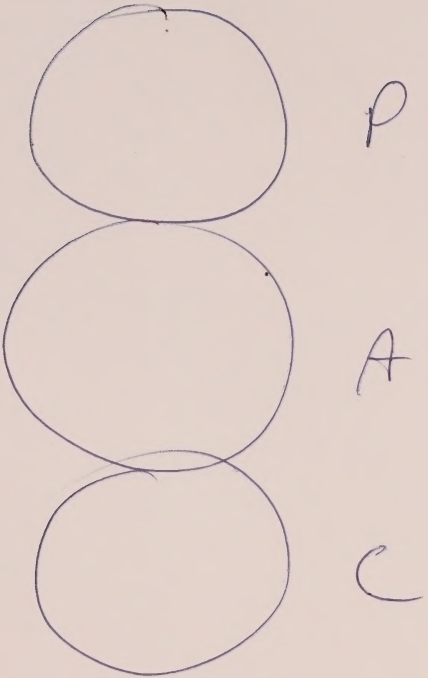
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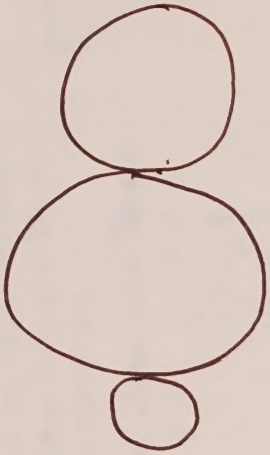

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*"Gay Weddings are important for many reasons. I think perhaps the biggest reason comes in the creation of new role models, not only for our own community, but for all people to see. The Lesbian and Gay community is a loving community, and our commitments to each other are as strong as any. Acceptance will come when the love we have, and the love we share, becomes visible to all. Helping couples affirm their partnerships is my contribution to a community that I am proud to be a part of."*

**-Matt Jiovanni**

For more information, or to find out how *Pride, Love, and Union Services* can help in the planning and coordination of your Wedding , please write or call at any time. We look forward to sharing in the joy of your special day


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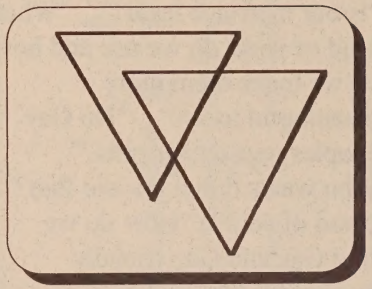

***by Pride, Love and Union Services***

*"an affirmation of love, a declaration of liberty."*

The idea of a Lesbian or Gay Wedding seems confusing. Most couples planning a ceremony are left to reinvent the entire event themselves. Many questions remain unanswered: "Is our marriage legal?" , "What kind of vows do we use and how do we make them more meaningful to us?" , "Do Gay couples register for gifts?" , " Who walks down the isle first?" , and of course "How do we find Gay and Gay friendly businesses who will help us produce our ceremony?"

The sole purpose of Pride, Love, and Union Services is to assist Lesbian and Gay couples in the planning of their wedding ceremony.

## HOW P.L.U.S. CAN HELP

Pride, Love, and Union Services helps Lesbian and Gay couples understand how to produce a ceremony that is not only beautiful and meaningful, but is as unique as each couple.

When a couple contacts us, we first speak with them about their general needs and wants concerning their ceremony. A questionnaire, answered either by mail, fax, or over the phone helps us to understand more specifically what the couple wants. Because Gay and Lesbian Weddings are a whole new genre of ceremony, your union can be tailored to you; being as creative or as traditional as you want.

The final ceremony package that we send to you, contains the information you will need when planning your ceremony. This includes: the laws concerning same-sex partnerships for your state or area, samples marriage contracts, vows, formats, wedding certificates, a reference list of other books and publications that may be of help, and a list of Gay and Gay friendly businesses and services in your area, such as florists, caterers, photographers, D.J.'s, law firms, limo services and other necessary contacts , that can be a part of your very special event.

Jerry Akins
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Wanda Jones
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2516 Talbert St.
Pensacala, Fla. 32507
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Known 10 mos. currently living tog. 7 mos.
Both been married.
Each have 3 children
J- 15, 17, 19 W. 22, 24, 26.

W. kids are grown & gone. Prior divorce hard on kids. No hard feelings.
J. Family out of town.
J. 6-8 yrs. ~~D~~. ① ② 6-1 yr. W. 26 y. - D. 1 yr.
Sep. 1 yr.

Fri- 7 p.m.

Robin Furdock — Connie Ward

(26) — 4600 Twin Oaks Drive #305

Pens. 32506 — (25)

455-6668

Liv. 6 mos - seeing 1 year -

C - HH MCC 5/83 - moved in CG life in July - disch. from CG. Took off in August.

Met thr. Robin's roommates - Robin in milit. Connie bartend. at Red Carpet. P.J.C. → waiting for grant for P.T.

R - Phys. att. — C. Phys. att.

never married -

C. Mon. sept '79 - 21. 2 yrs' 3½ y.o. daughter - meningitis Gave up child in cust suit - Husb. found. + had exc. lawyer.

Honest, good commun.

C F. Exec — R F. Teacher

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Both have poor family contact.

Date: April 21 Sat 2:00

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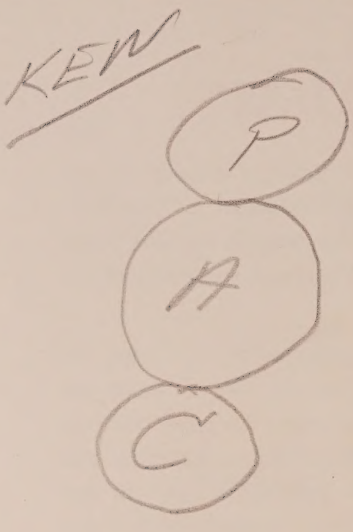
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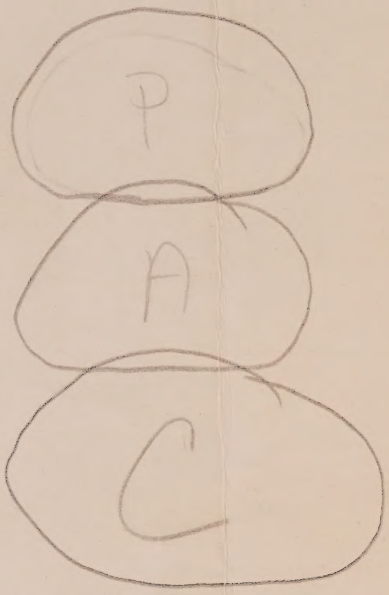

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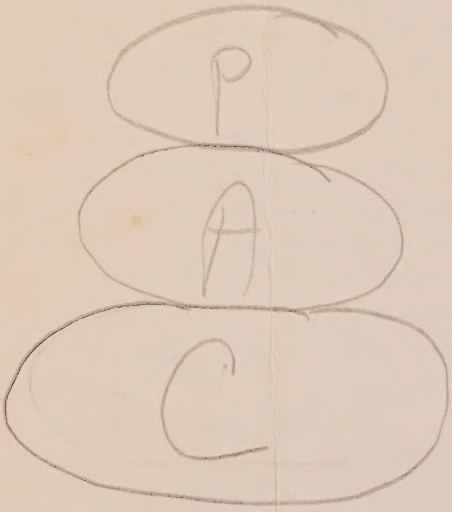

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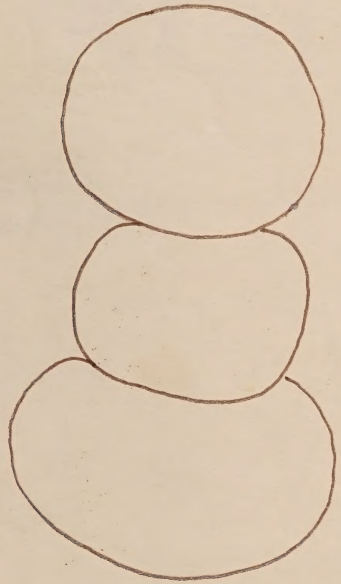

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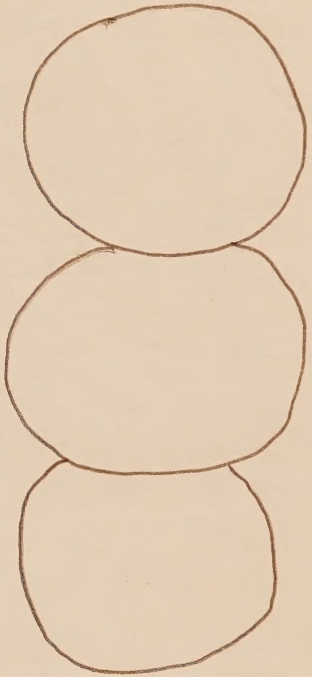

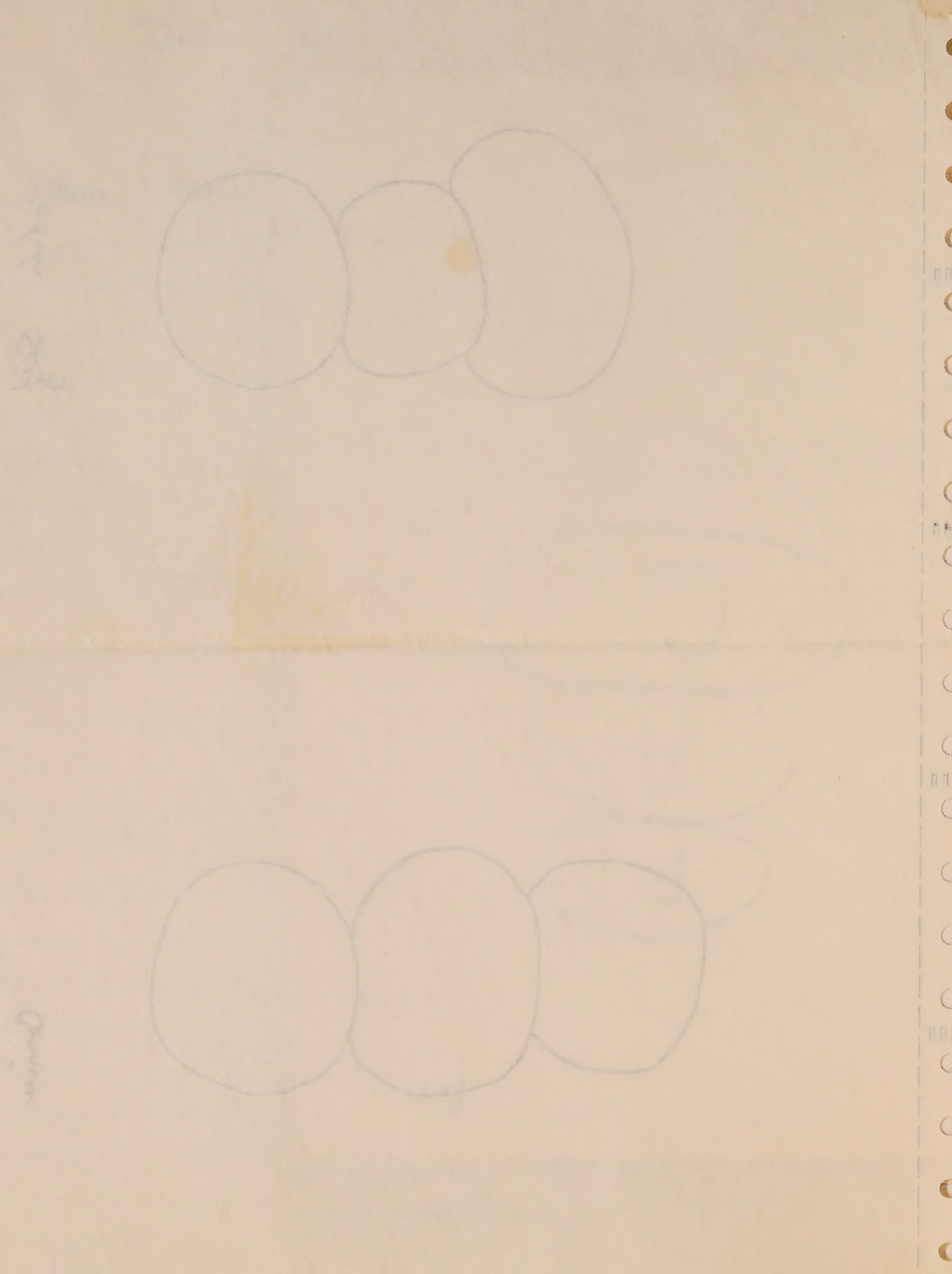

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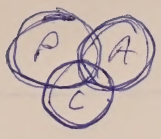


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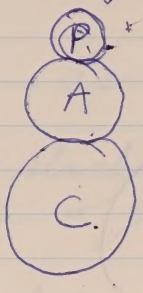


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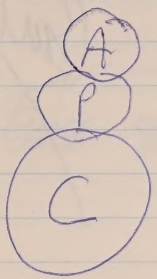


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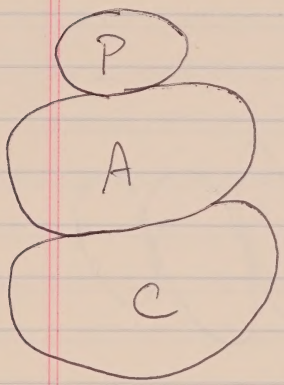

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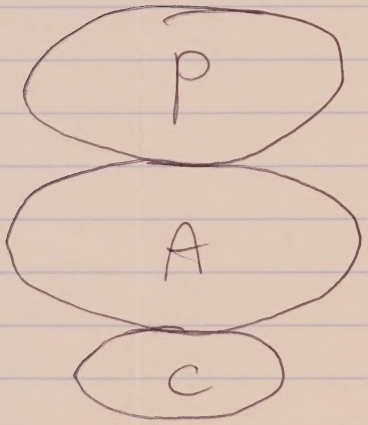

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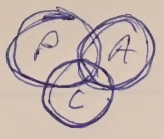


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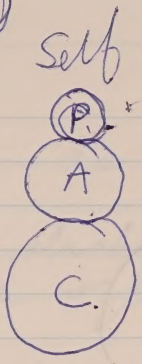


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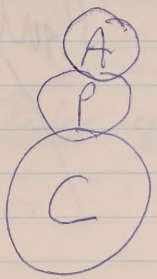


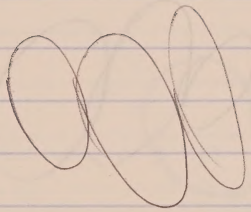

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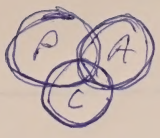


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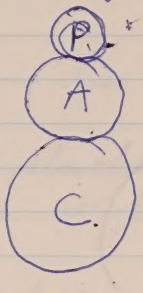


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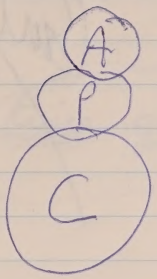


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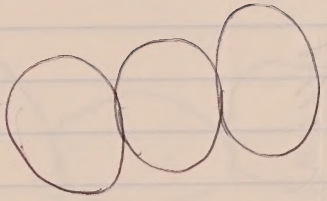

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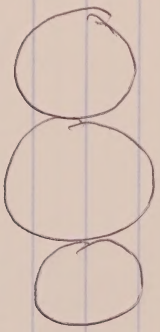

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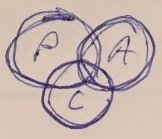


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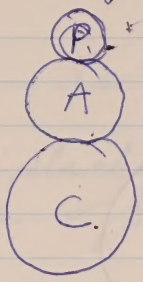


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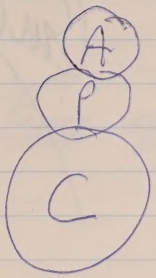


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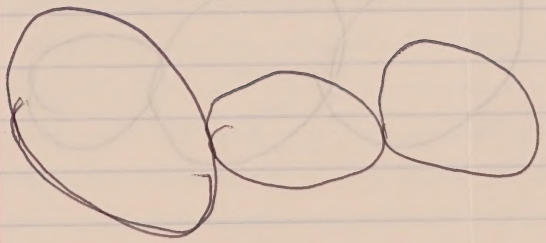

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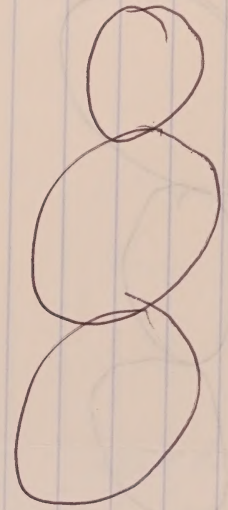

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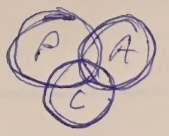


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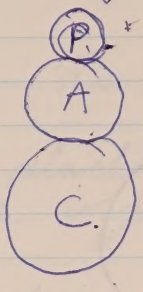


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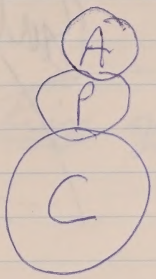

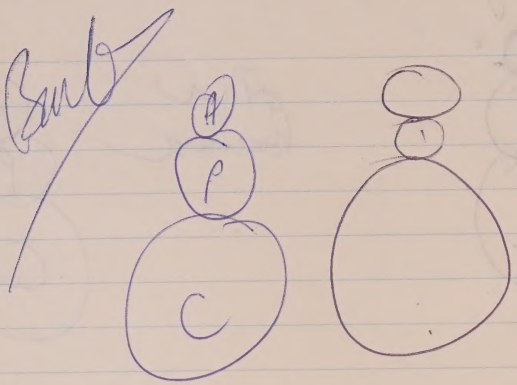
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Service – as marked –

Jackets & slacks.
off white & pink

Rings gold

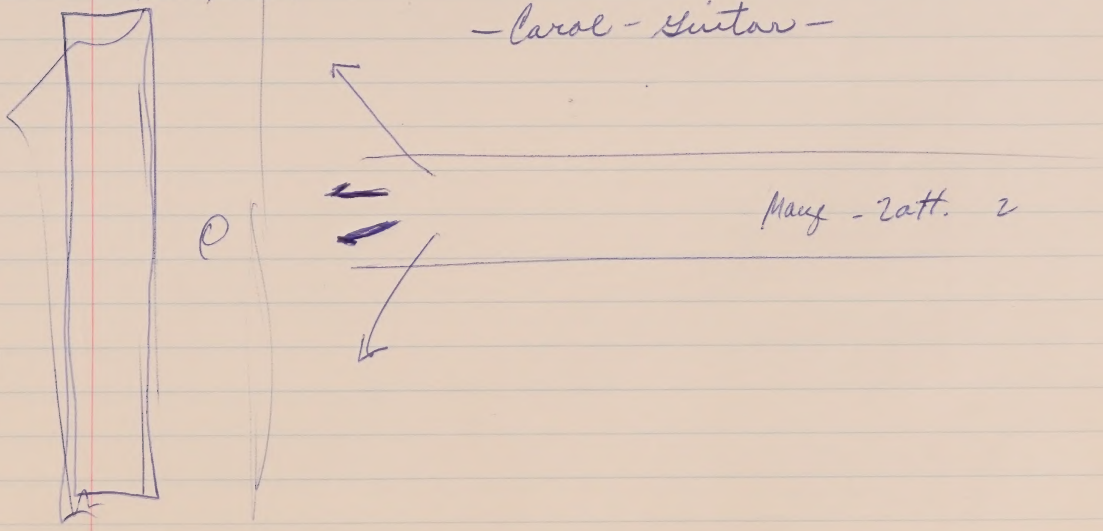
– White vestments –

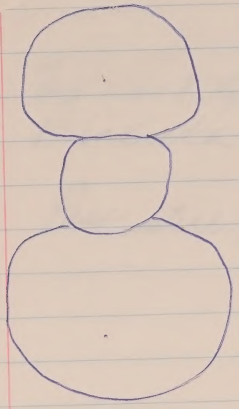
– Communion – just for two.

Church, Sat. June 21 5pm. 4 00
Reception following at Becky's Hires

Musician – a capella –
(no price)

– Carol – Guitar –





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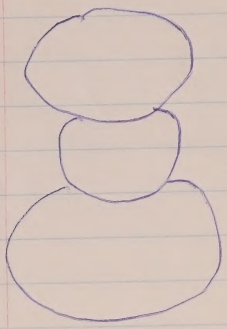

Not used to upset of child in house.
Priscilla playing - Sherri getting better.

Pam still lives there - no interference.

2 girls. Sat. 11:00 am.

Priscilla Vaughan — Sherri Roberts
Route 2 Box 99
649-9478 Semmes, Ala. 36575

(31)

perfect child
strict, staunch parents
church - related act.
sheltered, protected
naive, restricted.
Loving, cared for
spoiled
only - child
35-37
Mobile, Montgomery Semmes.
U.S.A. nursing schools (3)
~~25~~ working on BS

Never married -
gay 19 - 8 years rel.
Mean comp. secure
Been tog. 6 mos.

best. security - fun
play together

Date of Hill 6/21/86

want to use Church - 5 pm.

(26)

4 older bros. only girl
spoiled
35-36 farm - rural
divorced ① - mother
married 6x (confused) 3 men -
unhappy mother.
father - alcoholic -
abused child -
ran at 15 - quit school
11th grade - straight A -
college 1 yr -
Electronics tech -
Married 3 yrs -
Husb. has custody
Sherri has child.

gay 23 - encounters going back 15,
2 yrs. rel. rock -

best - caring, love -
consideration
depth of feeling -

Friends as well as lovers.
Long-range proj- own home, land
raising another child - Priscilla wants
to have child (May '88)
5 year proj-
Jobs: Nat. program - Stable position -
going back to school.

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prof

Loss of God Father
Heavy church affil.
Sr. teacher-prins.
God- major in life
Gayness - extreme conflicts
Lots of guilt abt sexual
relationship
Tried to pray out of it.

Mother took to church.
Mother stopped after div.
Door open - in church
Baptist - father not go -
went up to early teens.
was in church after Amanda
("white Priscilla syndrome"
re visitation)

Salvation exp.

- EOM - was first gay
Xtian outlet.

Now MCC -
Real simple Xtian

Life church -
heavily direct in
Now MCC

Ellen Eno

Dr. E's. Preoccup. ē death. Depression

Emotional Stability
ept dependent in past
jumped into rel after (3 yrs)
grow th process -
more assertive, confident
ideal them major Crisis -
suicidal, depressed.
dependency on ant-depressants.
sees Dr. Eno - (Cinderella Complex)
Bros see as couple.
working on dependency -
working on pers. self-esteem

pretty much nondrinker
no pot.

Amanda's coming was
major stress.

Triathlon run swim cycle

held together pretty good -
Loved them "unfit mother"
feeling lack of SE due
to being out work -
semi trained or undertrained
-- nervous stomach
worrier -

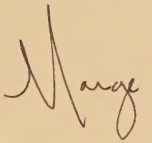
Substances -
some overuse - not now.
her drinking buddies
did acid / pot -
no dependency
on unemployment
drinks a little too much
at parties → has compulsion
always in group
hangover →.

P/ runner - tent camping, canoeing - truck camper - smoker
athletic, camping, canoeing - truck camper -
into outdoor -

S/ yard work, dog training, raising Amanda -

A/ Kg.

Getting along ē Amanda - jealous A. demanding
afraid Sherri would choose A over her.
A/ insecure - Amanda not self-starter



SERVICE OF HOLY UNION
for
Robin Halprin and Adrienne Torf
August 16, 1974
Metropolitan Community Church

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (side 2) - about 20 minutes
people come in and sit down

Blood, Sweat, and Tears - "You Made Me So Very Happy" (3:50)
During the last part of that, Nancy will come in; very shortly thereafter, Ady and Robin will come in from the back of the Church, and greet people. We will then walk to the front of the Church and both give Nancy a hug.

OPENING STATEMENT (Nancy) : "Shemah..."
"Dear friends: this is a beautiful day and we have come together in the sight of God to celebrate the joining in Holy Union of Robin and Adrienne.

Holy Union, in our community, is a celebration of the love of two gay persons and their decision to become more deeply committed to each other. This is a moment of great joy for Robin and Adrienne and we have been invited to share in it. Holy Union is not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly, but reverently, and with love for each other and an awareness of God. Into this Holy estate, Adrienne and Robin come now to be joined.

Robin: We're going to tell you a little about what we're doing.
Ady: To discover one day a love for another, with whom I've discovered a love for myself.
To feel this love slowly,
cherish it wholly,
watch it grow.
To smile one day at the full realization
as it taps me on the shoulder and whispers in my ear
And now, to turn and announce to the world --
to all the world that will listen --
Ady and Robin: I love you.
Robin: I love looking at you and listening to you.
Ady: I love how you feel.
Robin & Ady: I enjoy being with you.
Robin: I respect and appreciate your goals and hopes.
Ady: I want to be with you when you realize them,
Ady & Robin: and share your happiness.

The Youngbloods: "Sunlight" (3:07

Nancy: At the beginning of their adult lives,
it is with each other that Ady and Robin have chosen to grow,
explore the world as it is,
and make a life of their own together.
WELL WISHING:
ENTRUSTING: (Nancy puts Robin and Ady's hands together)

The Carpenters: "We've Only Just Begun" (3:04)

VOWS: At this time, I will ask you both to say your vows. A vow is a solemn promise. In one sense, it is very private -making, breaking and renewing promises is part of what it means to be and to grow in a relationship. But in another sense, it is very special, a thing to be able to declare publicly and before friends your pledge of faith - each to the other. It is my hope that

this open declaration will be an affirming, strengthening and joyful experience for you both.

Being with you, knowing you,
I have grown to trust you with those special parts of self
I will not share with anyone else.
I trust you completely --
with my body,
my emotions,
my thoughts;
and with my feelings of weakness, frailty, or inadequacy.

It is to you that I will run with my joys and triumphs,
and for comfort.

I assume full responsibility for my words and actions.
I will never do anything to hurt you --
nor knowingly do anything that will cause you pain.
I will do everything to protect you from hurt,
and when I cannot, I will hold you, and share it.
Even as I want to share my thoughts with you,
want your reactions
and hold your opinion dear,
I will honor your right to privacy
and to be alone when you want to be.

We are marrying to share solitude rather than to overcome it.

As an individual,
separate, complete, strong, and I hope self-sufficient,
I recognize my need of another such woman, an equal, a lover,
as a complement,
to hold me and give me strength,
to love me for what I am and what I will become.

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE: from "The Song of Solomon"

Al Green: "I'm So in Love with You"
"Let's Stay Together"

RINGS:

PRONOUNCEMENT:

GLASS BREAKING:

CUP OF CONSECRATION:

Chicago: "Simple and Free" (3:30)

## René

Re Bunny at C.P.A.

449-4046

(22) unemployed (2 ~~weeks~~) child care worker

Grew up in Michigan, Detroit
H.S. Grad, College Miss,
Mgr. Sheraton inn.
Sales Rep. - Gal pregnant

LPN in college.

Dad vet. = injured POW.
Mom H.S. =
4 in family — hasn't seen bro. 6½ sisters
Out to family — mother beginning to accept.

Church-going family + Baptist
Holiness by choice
religion at one time.

Families have tried to break them up, wouldn't work

Child & mother - little girl - 21 mos. "Kenyatta"

Been gay since 12 - child by choice.

Longest relat. | 2-3 years.

Both in trucking school now - will finish

## Melissa

(23) Bay Manor

October 25th

San Antonio - T to Mobile
Marine Corps - 3 years.
8-9 mos. U.S. 1½ yrs. Japan

GED service - 9 mos. art apprec.

Health Care Training Inst.

Good childhood - trained for independence -
Mom & Dad. Separated

Relig. family - Grandfather preacher - G-mother relig. - Baptist

Mother knows - put out of service because of gayness -
Father in Calif -
Aunt - knows.

Has girl (boy died) 1 y.o. next month.

Gave up gay but didn't want to accept, last year HS / esp. Servi
2 years in service
Chantra

went to auto trucking co. into body building.

| Sherry | Priscilla |
| --- | --- |
| Worst fight — never getting drunk. Otherwise, not too much quarrelling. | |
| Easy to get along w. | More of a perfectionist. |
| Bad back — good health. | Excellent health. |

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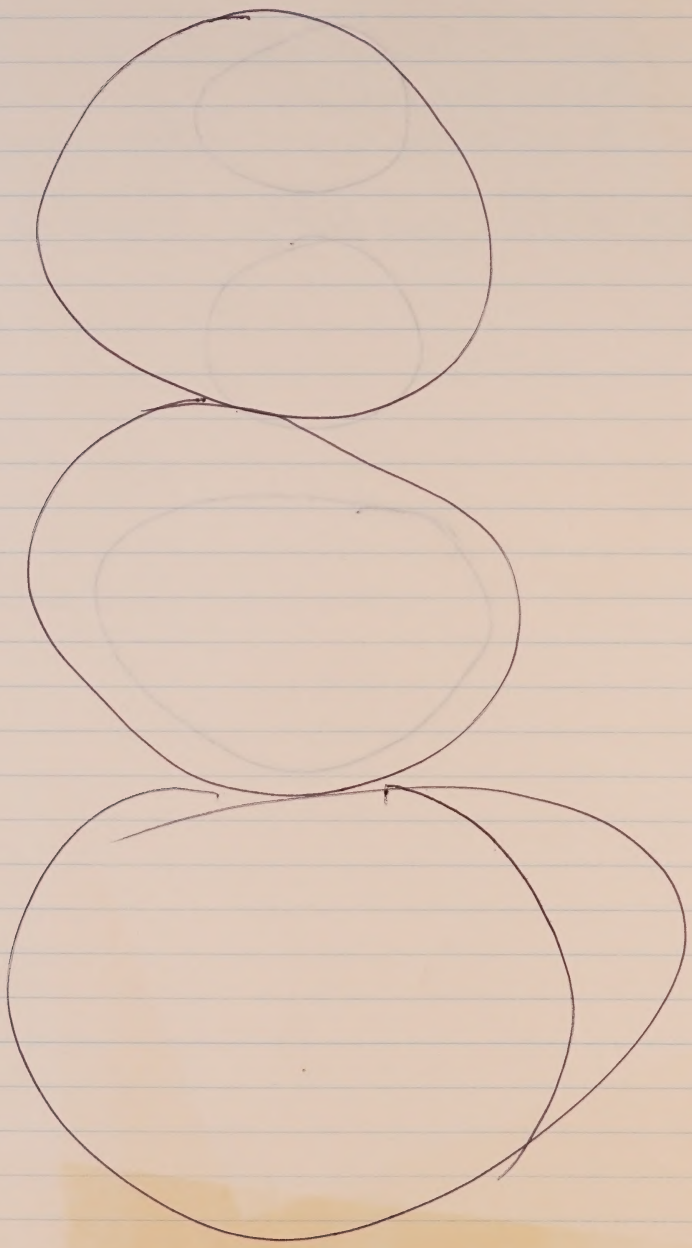

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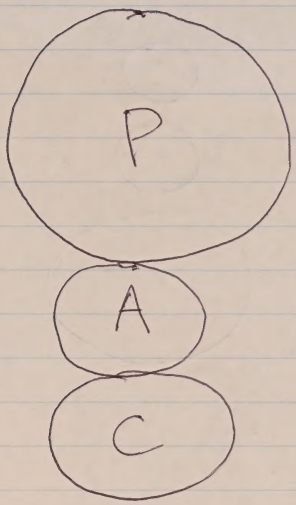

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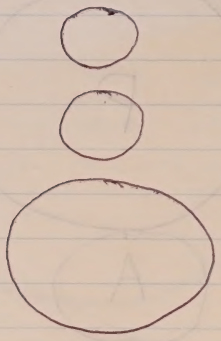


By the same token, religious doctrines should have no bearing on the legal right of any two individuals of whatever sex to enter into a legal contract formalizing their social commitment. &

Arguments - Threat to family (more). Abomination to God: not a legal definition - sep. of church/state. Invalid argument, irrelevant to discussion of marriage as a legal contract.

Gay unions are widespread - I have done over 100 of them in 20 years & I do them sparingly - as I do marriages.

Ben Cayetano - Gov of Hawaii - ~~The~~ Marriage has a legal + religious aspect - State should leave the sanctioning of marriage to ~~the~~ religious orgs & the legal aspects to the state.

wedding is ultimate symbol of hope & possibility for any 2 people in love. Relig. rights exploits this symbolism, stirring up resentful antagonism. Hold compact - working, some very especial rights

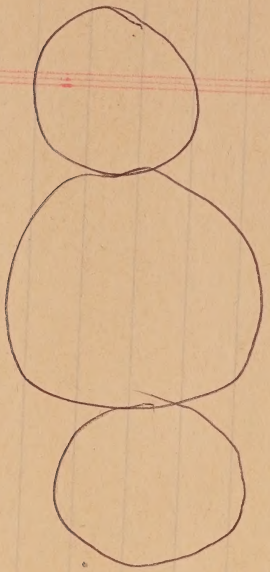
Marriage

1. Religious covenant; described as sacred bond + invoking God's blessing on the union. Clergy are blessing same sex unions.

2. Legal contract - No need to make a religious covenant to enter into a legal contract. City hall, fill out a form + pay a fee for a license. No blessing, no "holy matrimony." A new arrangement under law whereby two parties enjoy a special relationship involving certain mutual obligations + shared special rights + responsibilities. (Insurance, etc.)

Concepts are related but distinct. Democratic gov't has + should not have control over religious institution's about which unions it lives + won't bless or dissolve. Catholics, for example, are routinely granted legal divorces ch their church does not recognize.

~~Group~~ self



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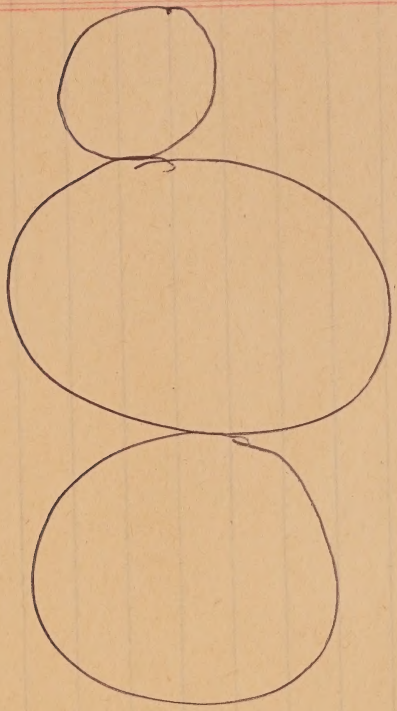

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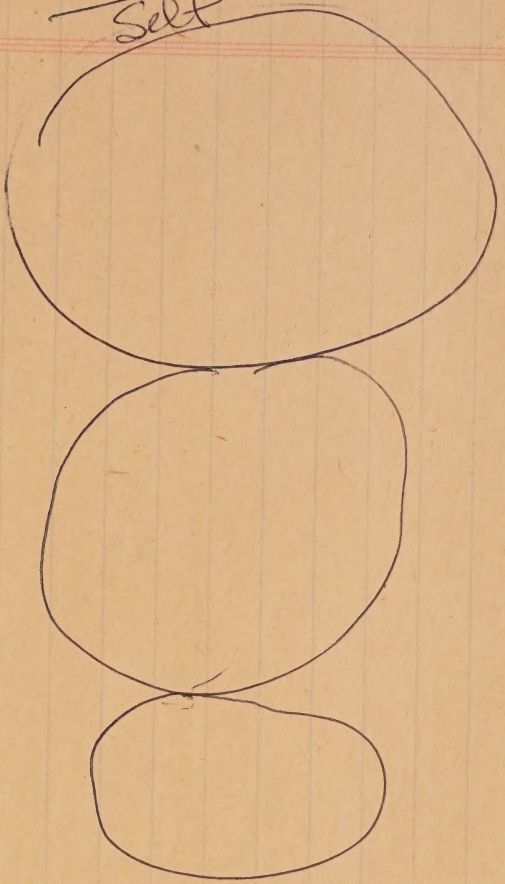

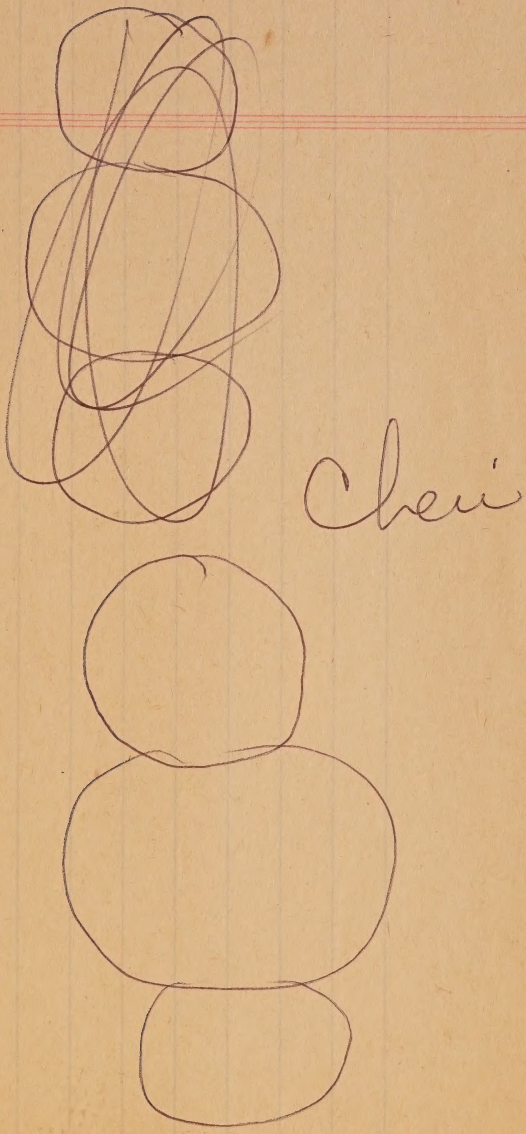
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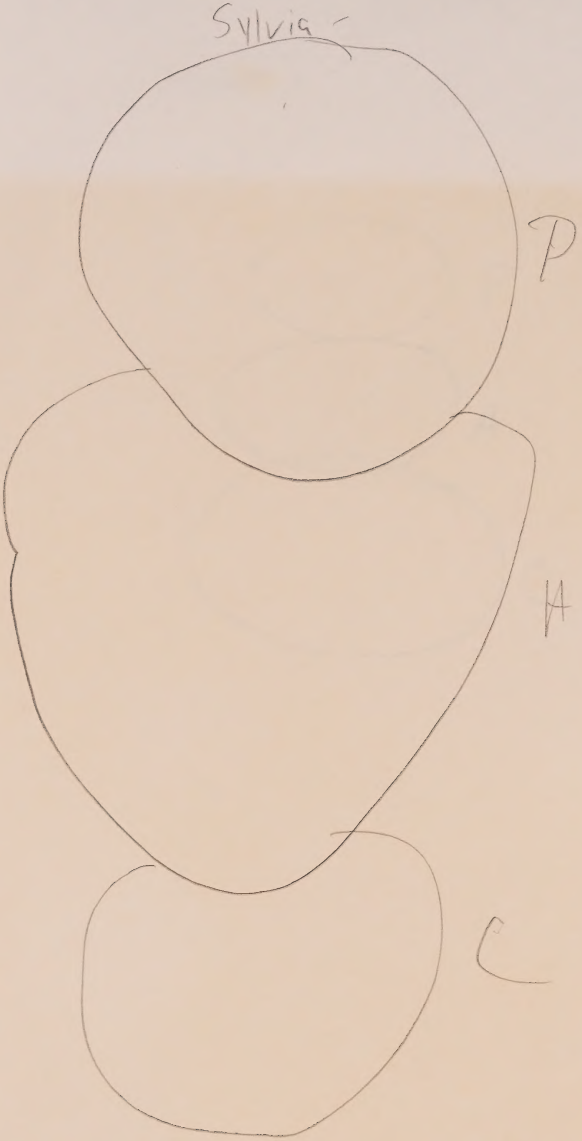
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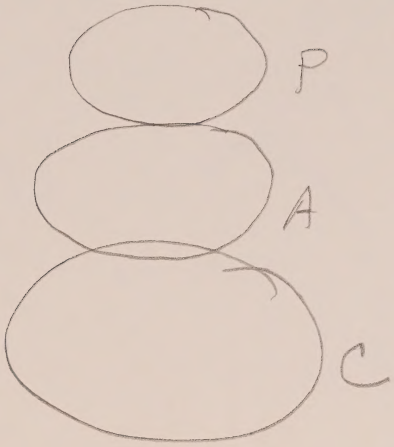

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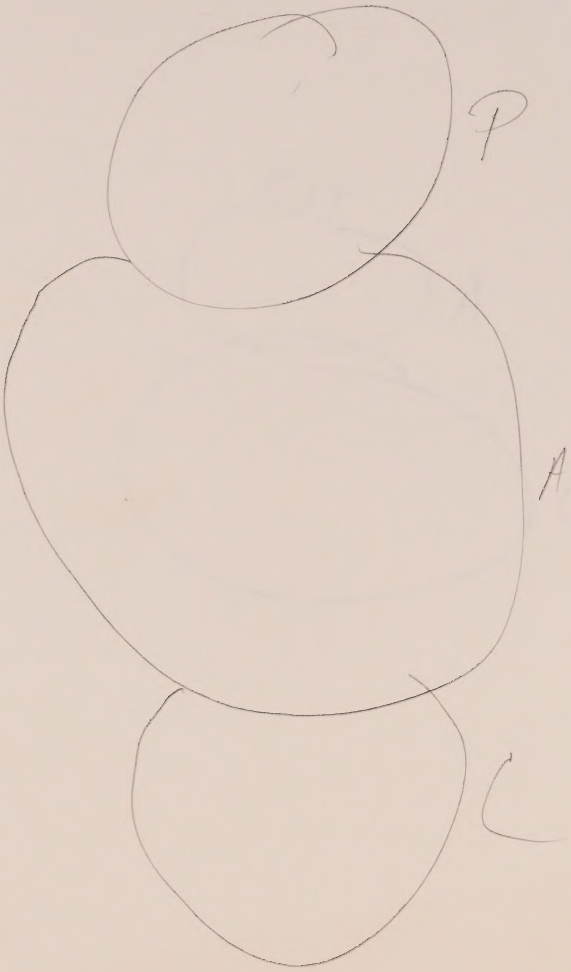

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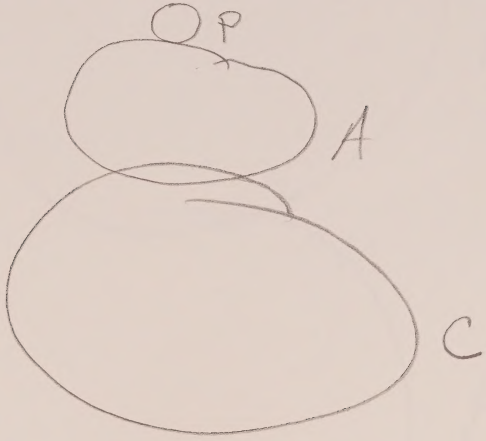

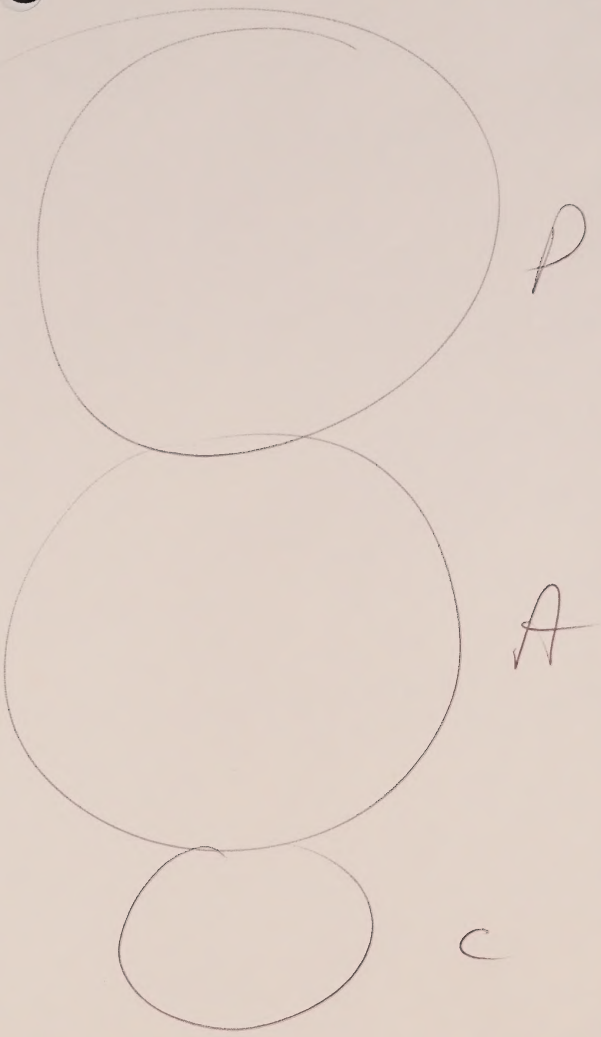
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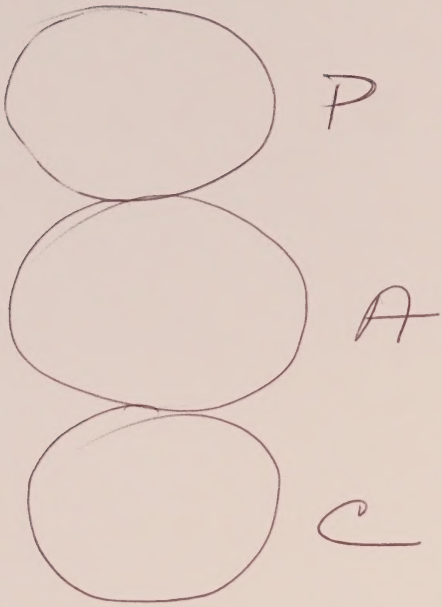
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Lola Harkins — Sandy Mann

38 — Trussville — 37

854-6531

Known 19 years – moved in Oct past year. about 2 yrs. in rela. First attracted to ea other in college. Athens Montgomery –

Married 11 yrs.
G B
8, 6.

Head housekeeper
Century Mall
Redo antiques

No time to socialize.
Own home

5 yr. Own business

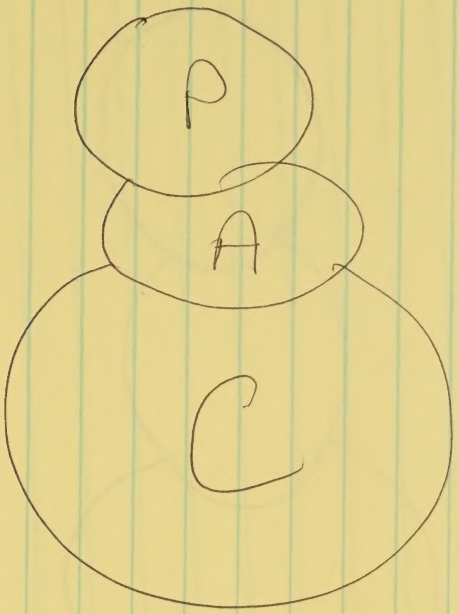
Married for 15 yrs.
B G G G
15, 13, 12, 9

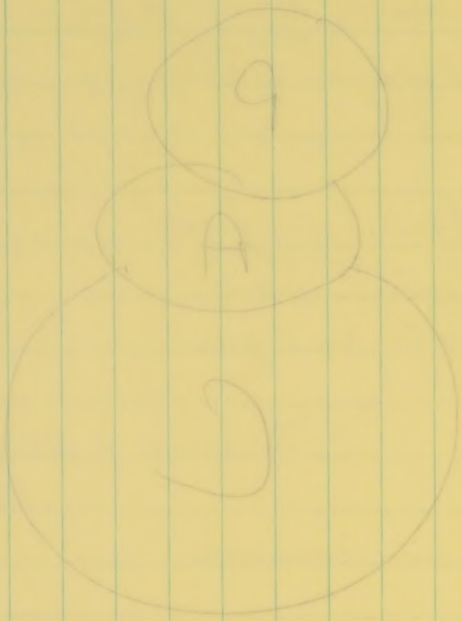
Father Bapt. minister (dead)

Asst Mgr KB Toys

2 weeks Thursday –

nlianne - Eachother

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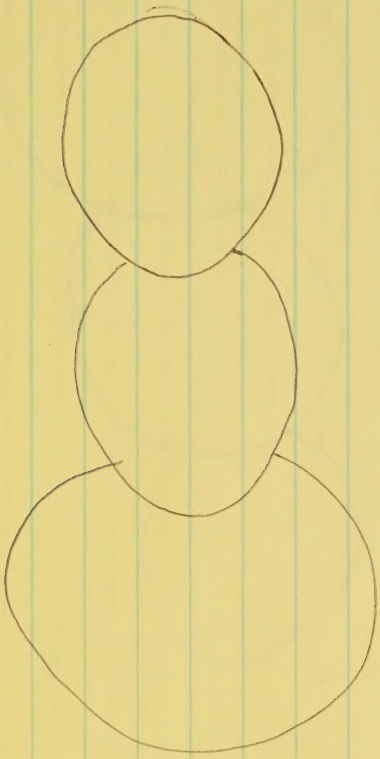

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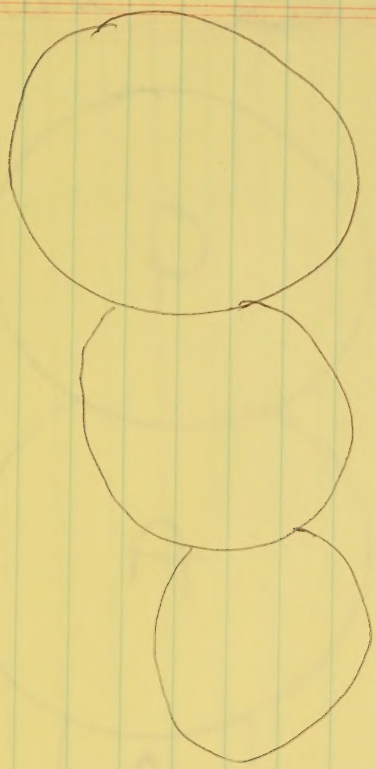

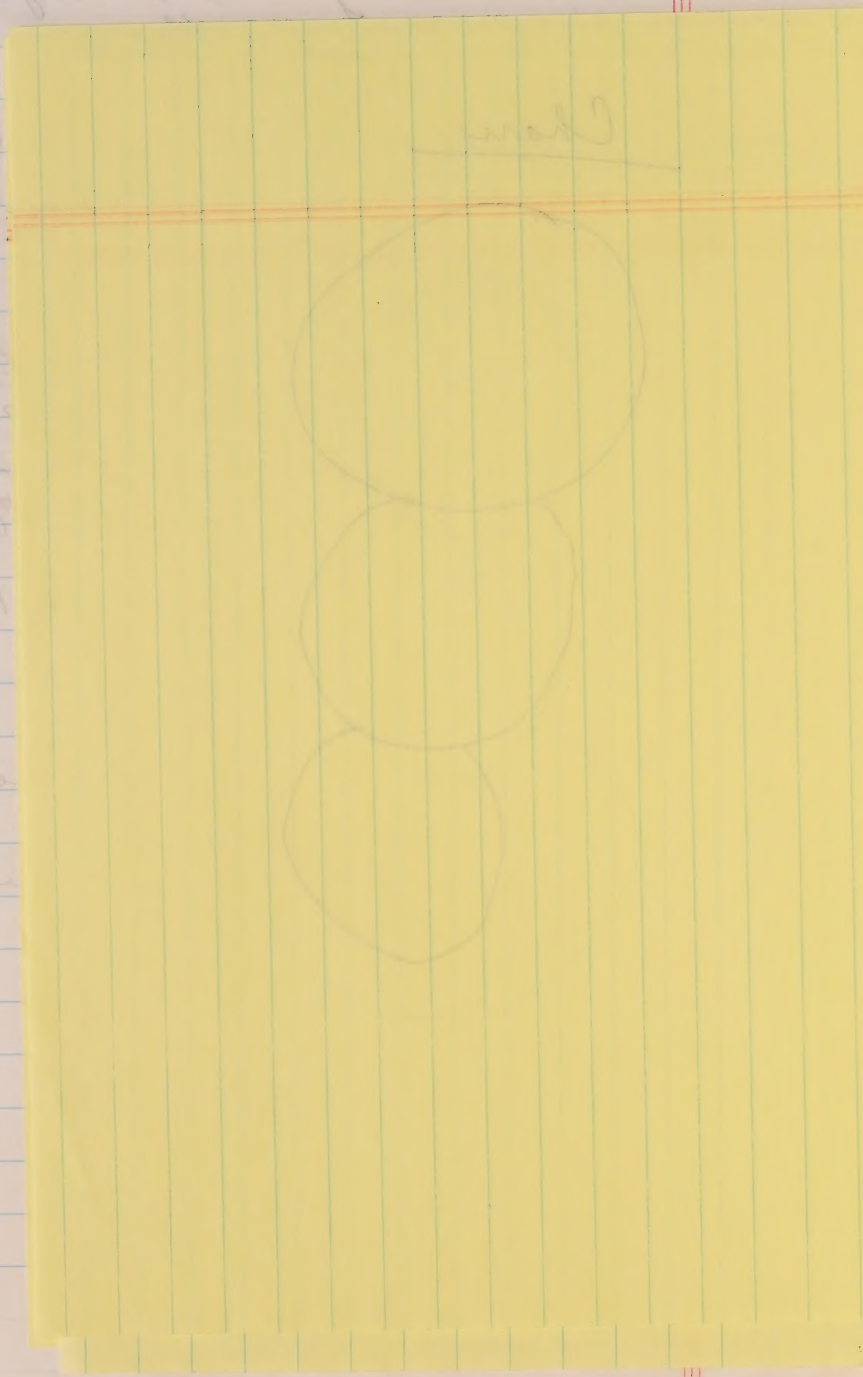

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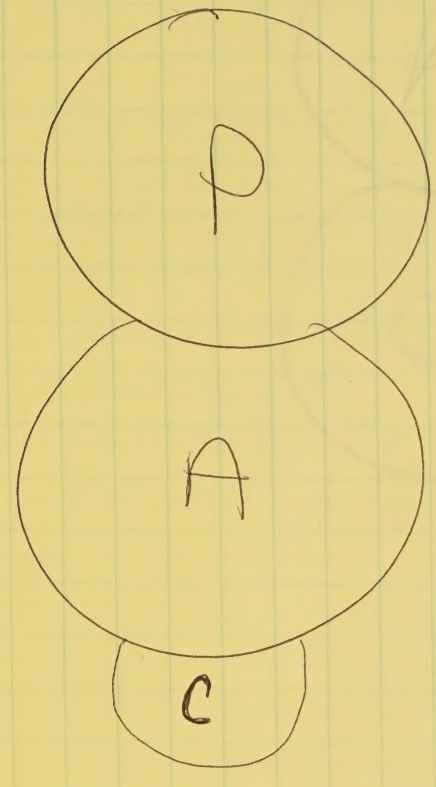

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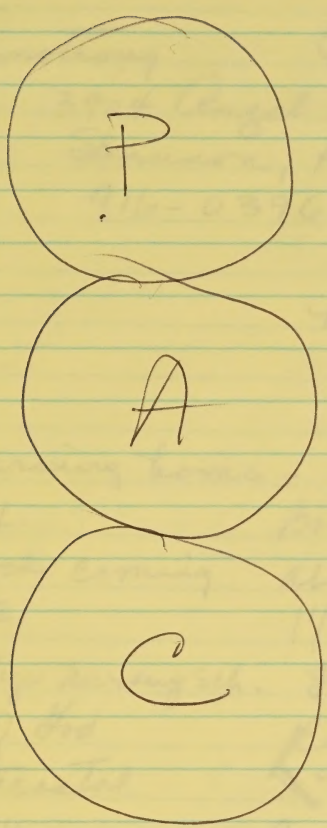
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Diane Armstrong — Chari Zwetzig

3904 Angel Drive
Shannon, AL
916-0396

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Nurse — Nursing asst
Office Mgr for Repro.

Met at nursing home -

Born in Calif + AL. — Born in Ill. Raised in AL.

Culture shock coming back to AL. — 1½ yrs at Walker Col. Fashion design.

Walker College Nursing Sch.

Assembly of God
United Pentecostal

Catholic
Nazarene

Came out 1½ yrs ago. — Came out 19-yo.

Raised in foster homes
Mother knows

Kids taken away, Ex registered complaint.

Joseph 15-14
Seth 12
Joshua 8

looking forward getting house.
Parents divorced
Father alcoholic
Bro. also -

"Mother is C of G
two-faced."

family now accepts her.
Out at work
Out to mother

Had 6 yrs relationship

Why? Vow love before God. Have intent to be together for rest of live.

Married 16 years.

HU - March 4th - 1 pm. Church
Fellowship Hall -

Monday 7:00

Keli Argo  Kim Argo
700 Wolf Creek Rd  (28)
(22)  Bell City, AL
884-7614 (mother, no phone)

1 yr 2 mos
Metal mark

Kim married pres., div. final feb. (3 children)
(10,6,5) 2 boys, girl. Lost c father. (Because of lifestyle — restricted visit. Kids can't be around Keli.)
Husb. physically abusive. Her mother testified against her - has joint custody c husband. Husb failed 2 drug tests.

Ident as gay since Keli -
Sense of helplessness about kids.

Keli out since 17
Two lt relat. 7 mos - 1½ yrs.
One left for man -
~~Ex~~ Lover wouldn't work and depended on Keli.
abused - battered by father -
Father had heart-attack + stroke.

Kim Father baseball coach
at Ala U.

Keli Nursing school 2 years. Father died. Mother
+GH know. like Kim.

Kim Tuscaloosa
Shelton St LPN
2-10 NH -
B -
(4 yrs as nurse)
Get along well at work. DON

Keli Oxford -
Hadsden / Shelton St -
LPN
who 2-10 nursing home
AB grades
(2 years)

PMS - emotional upheavals.

Verbal communication is good.

MGF preacher.
So. Baptist

MGF So Bapt preacher

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- wanted HH for 8 mos. - year in June living together

Kim more insecure - Give-Give. worries about
Keli leaving. Jealous out of being insecure.
Most of insecurity at bars - now stay away.
Keli more secure.

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Keli handles money - joint acct (one no.)
Kim had legal name change to Keli's name.
Rent - Keli owns two cars.

Kim $700 a mo. child support. No charge accts. Uses layaway for big items. Keli very responsible.

Keli 5 yrs - RN - have hse, he sets ⇨

Ex's long gone.

No rules.
Driving evens out. Kim hates to drive in city

Car sick. Can't me take (Pout a little.)
Gone 20 minutes.
Where'd you go? No you feel better.

Sick Ask to leave
Didn't appreciate it.

Kim more dominant in many ways, Keli more stable.

Dachsund, house dog 7 wks old.
Cat -
Iguana, + py thon
Rats for feeding snake.

"Snake snack" dog!

May 5th Hel.

May 1st

Clarify if
Charge by church

Hi June 24
1 PM Rehearsal night
before.
Rehearsal dinner
at Anthony's.

Carol McKinnon  Cheri McKinnon
601 Mermont Drive
Trussville, AL 35173
655-8670

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3½ years, 3 years - ch. lot. loss Counselor at Jennie Craig.
Both going through difficult times. Ch not gay. Had gay counselor wouldn't let around child. Immediate attraction. Carol in relationship for 10 years, unhealthy, ch C 6 minister's daughter. C lost identity, cut off from friends. Eurocentric, did not like Americans. Stayed 6 mos more,

So. Alabama, Opp.
Natural Father ice man - Came to B'ham 12. Carol adopted. Mo died at 8, left when I yo. Raised "self". When 11-12 poor, worked c dad in icehouse. Seal guy into icehouse - Stole bigger stuff. Sold on him. Sent to juvenile facility, (2 y) Kept additional 6 mos while awaiting placement. Went to McKinnons in Trussville.

Knoxville, Tenn, moved a lot - Dad evangelist, businessman. Made money. Sent to areas to stabilize financially. Very direct. Mo had nervous breakdowns, demanding, talented singer. Singing - traveling - moved 10 x 5 years -

Psychiatrist for 5 years – worked on family issues.

Kay & Carol work together. Have been friends for years.

No religious background.

College degree + spec training resp therapist – UTB.

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Sued in first gay divorce in AZ. She took everything in his, including clothes. Clothes, crystal, Carol's house. C's mo has alzeimers. Convinced mo to sign over ½ of house to her. Took everything out of house.

Took police & sons to take her own belongings. TV stereo, bed. Supposed to have gone to trial. Arbitration split down middle. $10,000 equity.

Mo. filed for divorce. Took F. license in middle of service. He had remarried. Never really knew stepmo. Fa + older bro fought. Fa married bro's girlfriend. Businesses – commercial signs (NCD). Left church in 1982. Directed youth choir for 15. Left & they called her back – walked out.

UT for 2 years, RE teaching.

Married to police man worked in hosp. 911 operator. Wk for pediatr.

Sell beds, Sunzer, Saturn Royal, Vestavia.

2 children – 2 boys – 18, 22. Tony (18) lives w fa. Gave children to fa when returned from CA. Jonathan & she do not get along. Tony is gay. Fa upset.

$16,000 from checking acct, $73,000 out of house. C had to give back what she took out of house. Ch called IRS, - 2 diff SS# + 3 diff D's. Gas frightened abt deportation. Carol got house. Took 3 years. Relationship C mother destroyed. Steffa initiated suit. Ca written out of will. He alienated his own children. Mo & C. live across rd from ea other - don't speak. Now needs care. He'll sell house if things go on. Attorney has said have obligation to stop him.

Tony has design abilities. Made Barbie clothes as kid. Did Rocky Horror at 2. Madonna fan. $1,000 on items in 6 mos. Obsession.

Ch had meningitis — Tony wrote bad check for cab for $50 M. album. Tony very angry.

Ja blames T's problems on Ch.

Jon's irresponsible — don't work gets tickets. G'ma spoils him. Beginning to mature - but still tries to outrun cops in car. Stays @ them. Working in Grossville.

Divorced in 1981.

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Cancelled first HH after first year - not ready. Too much stress on relationship. Great relief. Been through bad times. Ready now for commitment. In Feb (Valentine) asked marriage. Ring. Sharing celebration, not paper.

Bernadette Peters — Jennifer Williams

9639 Williamsburg Drive
B'ham, 35215
836-9411

27 — 23

In relat. 1 yr 2 mos, living tog 7 mos.

Out abt 2 yrs.
Married male 23 yo.
Married 3 yrs, divorced
final last spring. No
Chedren,

Never married. Dated,
no long term relat.

Been out 2 yrs. Small
town -

Orlando, Fla.
College grad - B'ham So.
Mktg for healthcare arch.

Hartford, Al. - nr Dothan
Asso UAB, Jr. college
Occ therapy Asst. 1½ yr.

Mailman -
Christian Charity Ctr,
Dental office mgt. - mom

{Firefighter - Asst chf.
{Fed employee - mom

Gay - great! Aunt gay,
2 married sisters -

Folks don't know -
Conserv. So Bapt.
Younger sister -

Catholic - then Campus
Outreach - conservatives
Wkd for 5 yrs.

AoG then So. Bapt.
Had some struggle
as teen.

Tried fighting him - Adopted their views; had difficulty to keep a bible. Basically had to leave job - left voluntarily.

Best friend was gay - came out to her.

Family figuring it out slowly.

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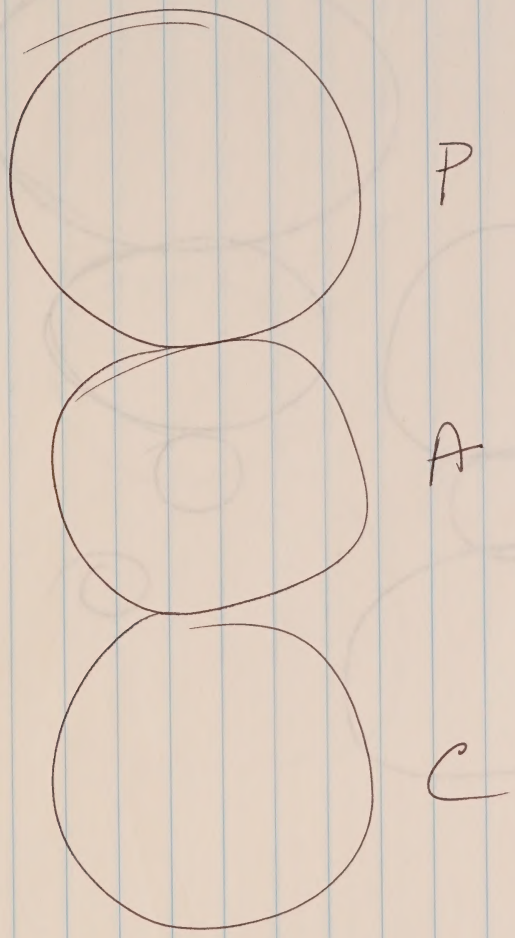


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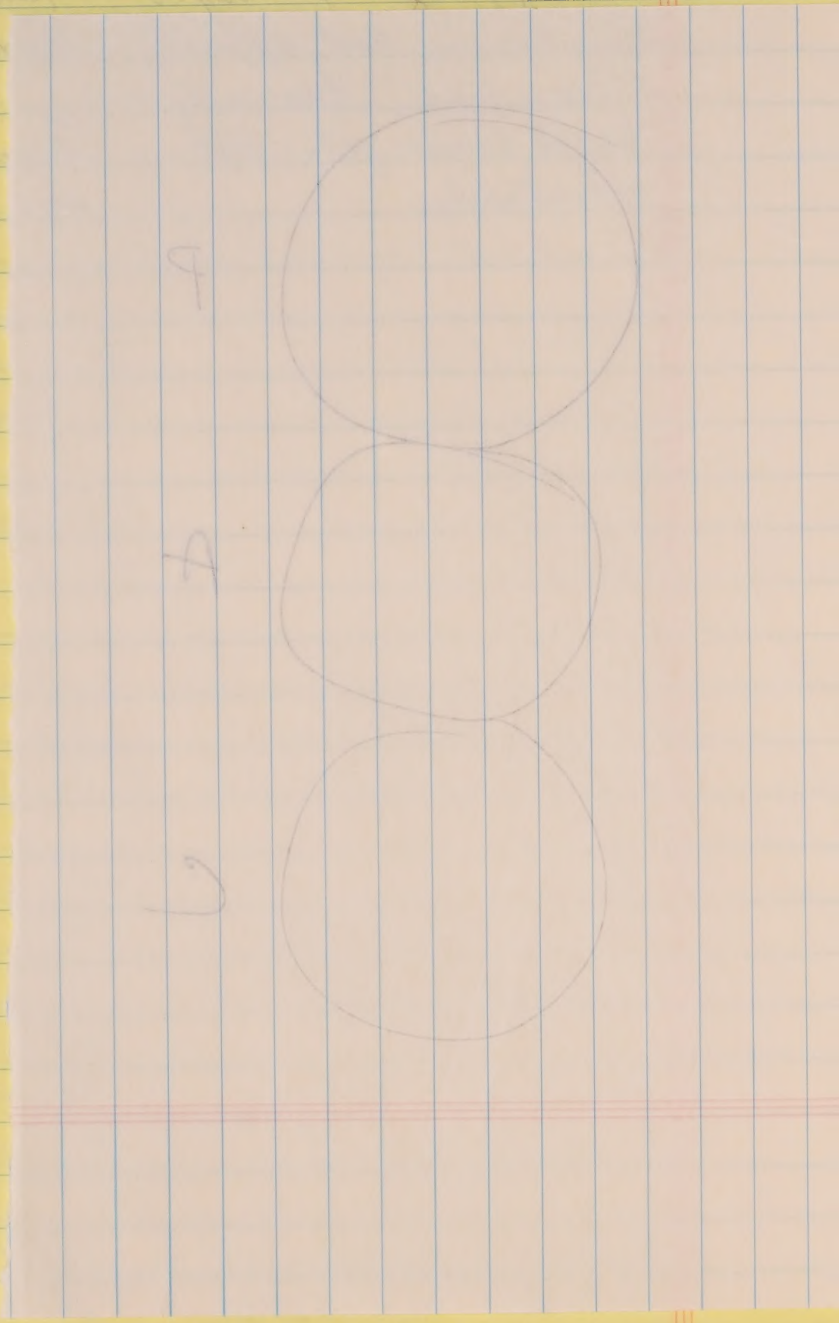
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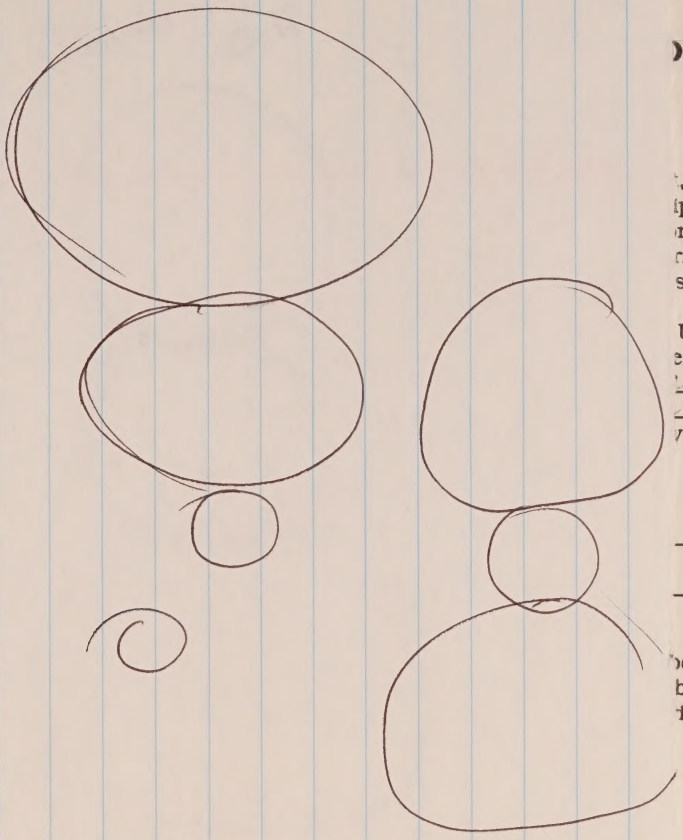

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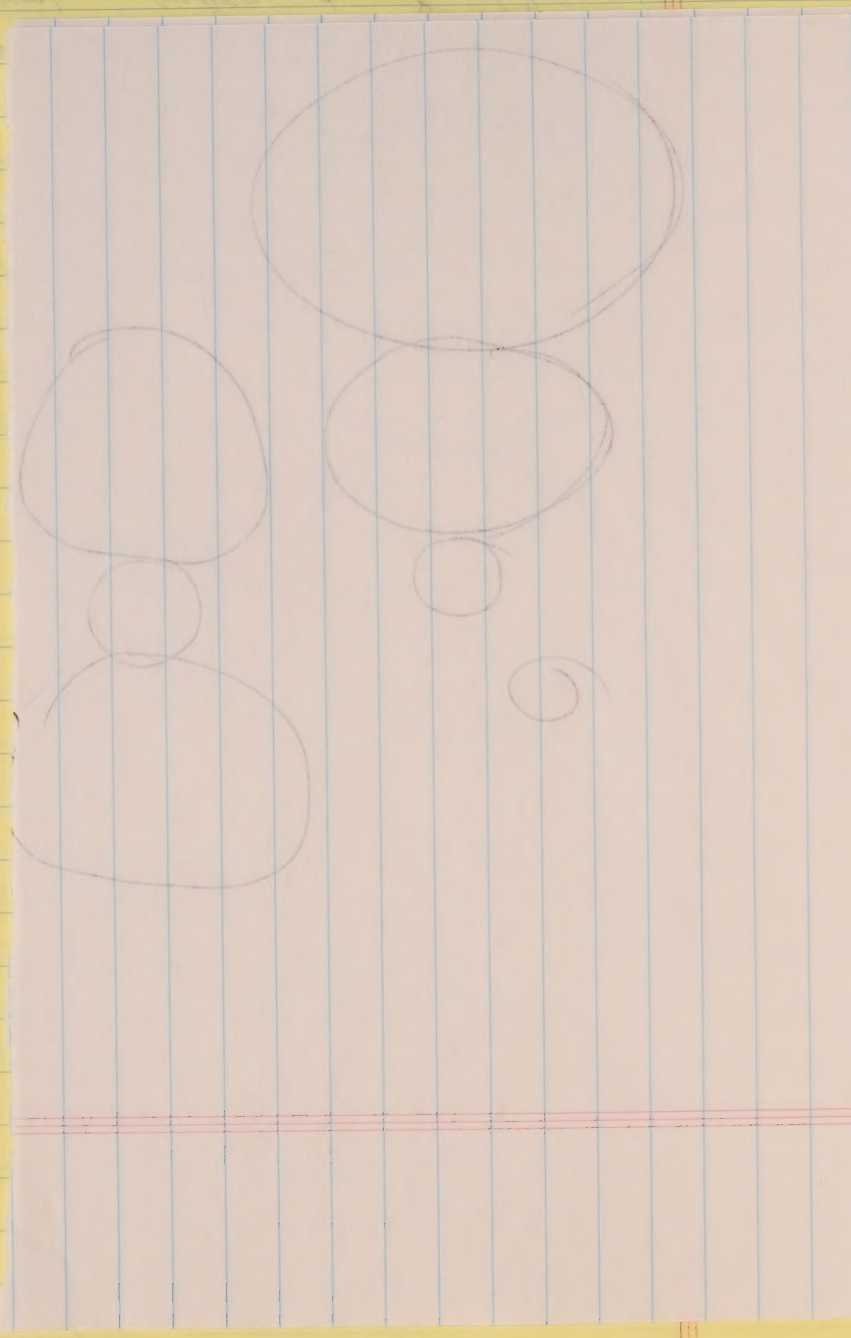

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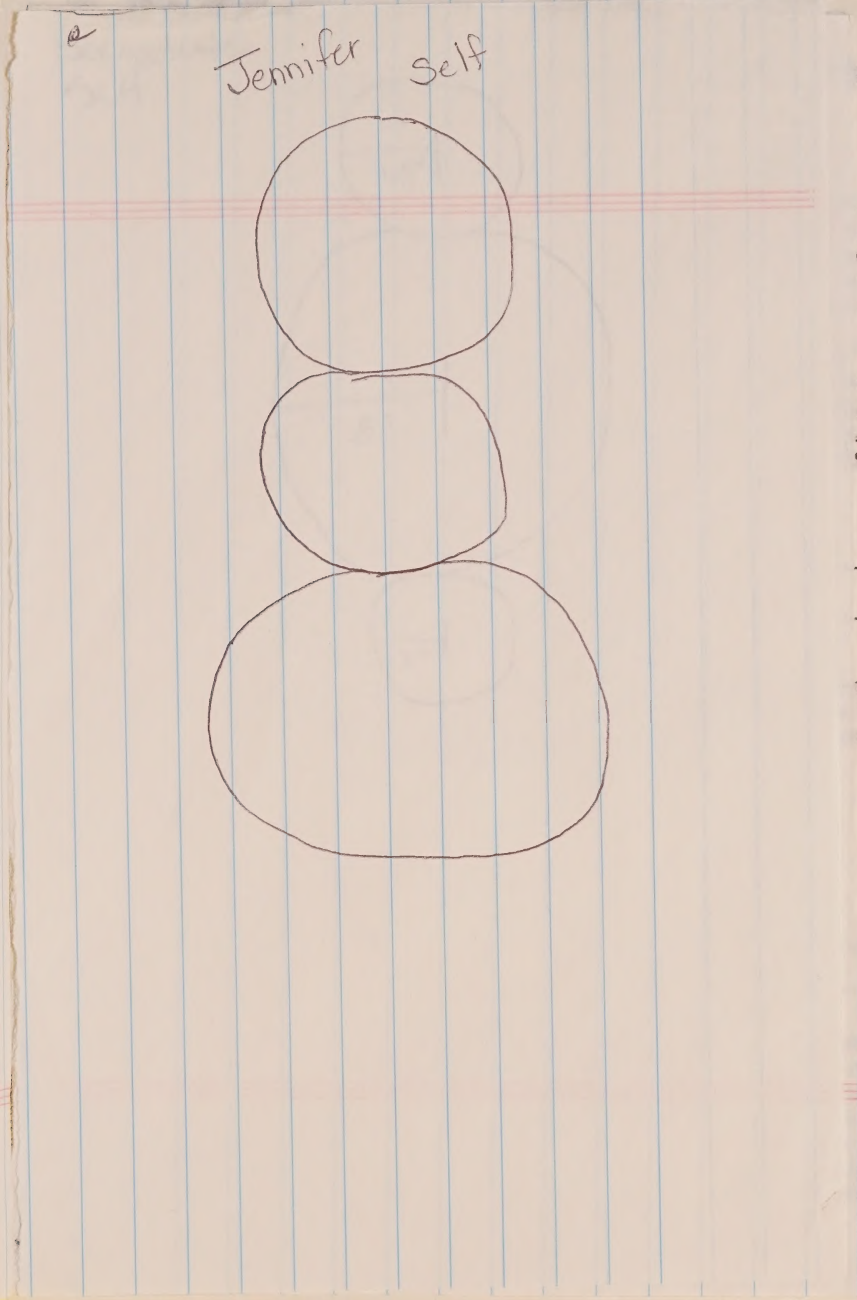


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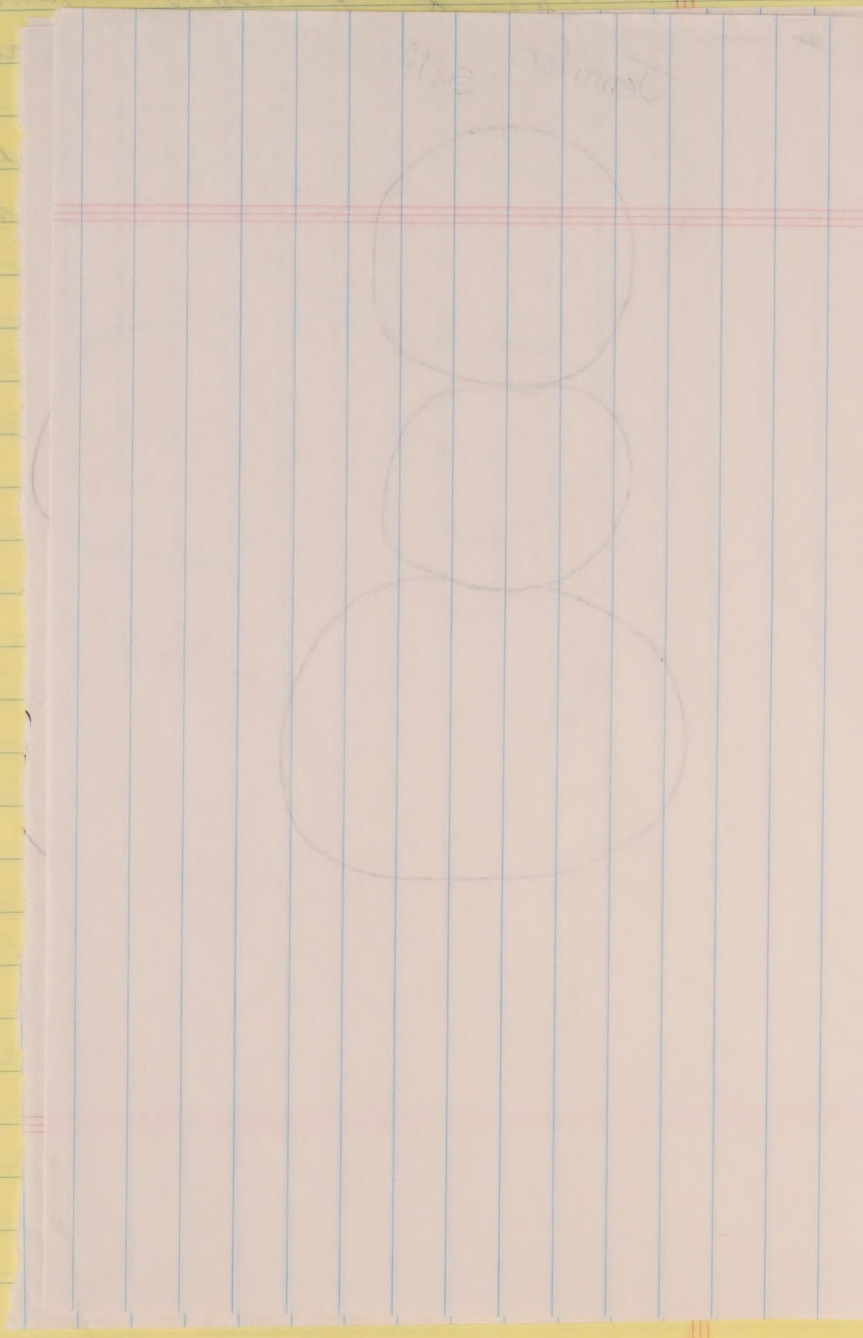

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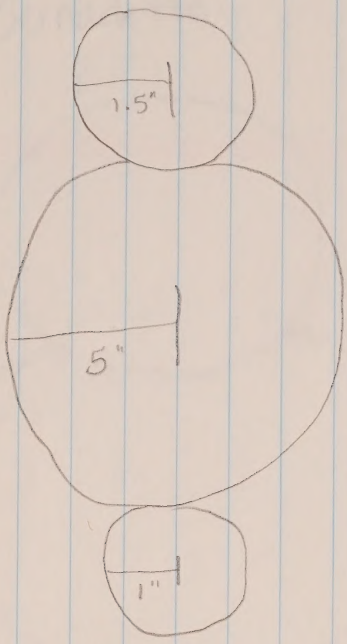


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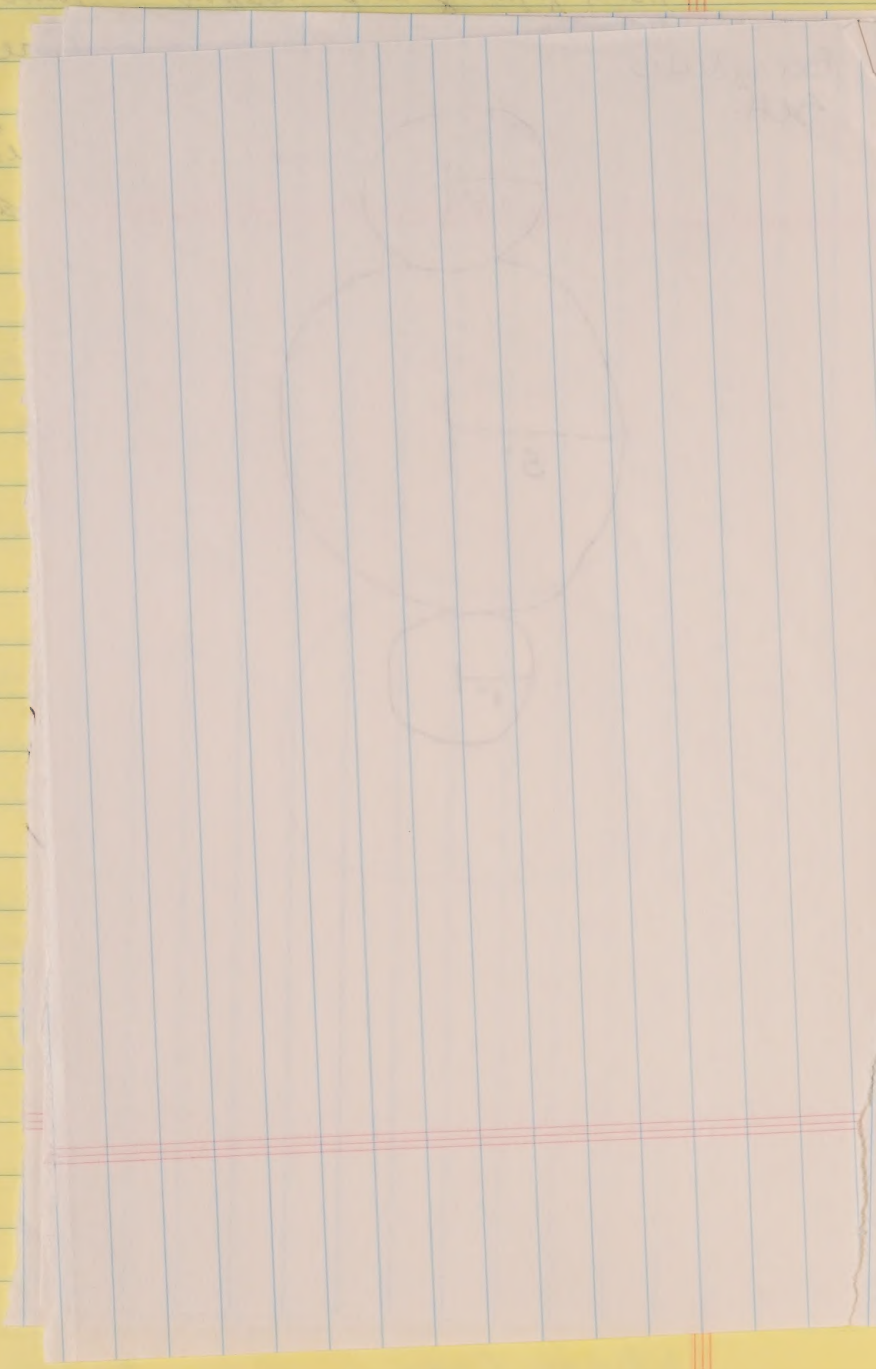

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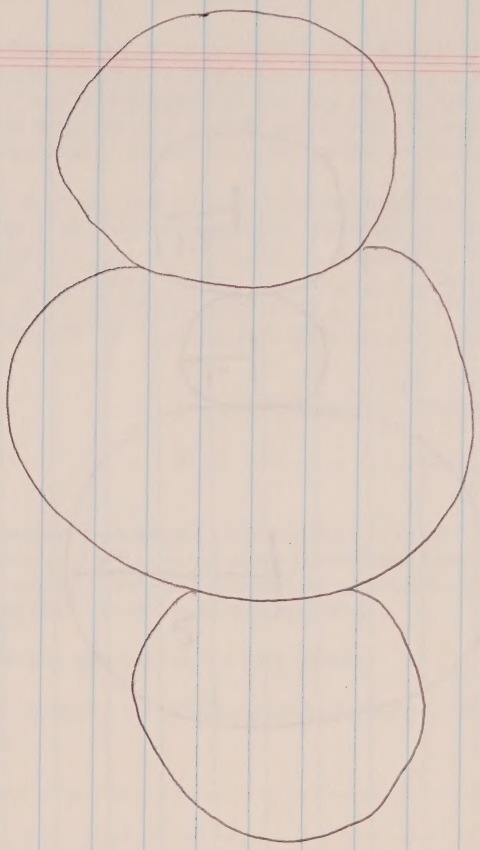

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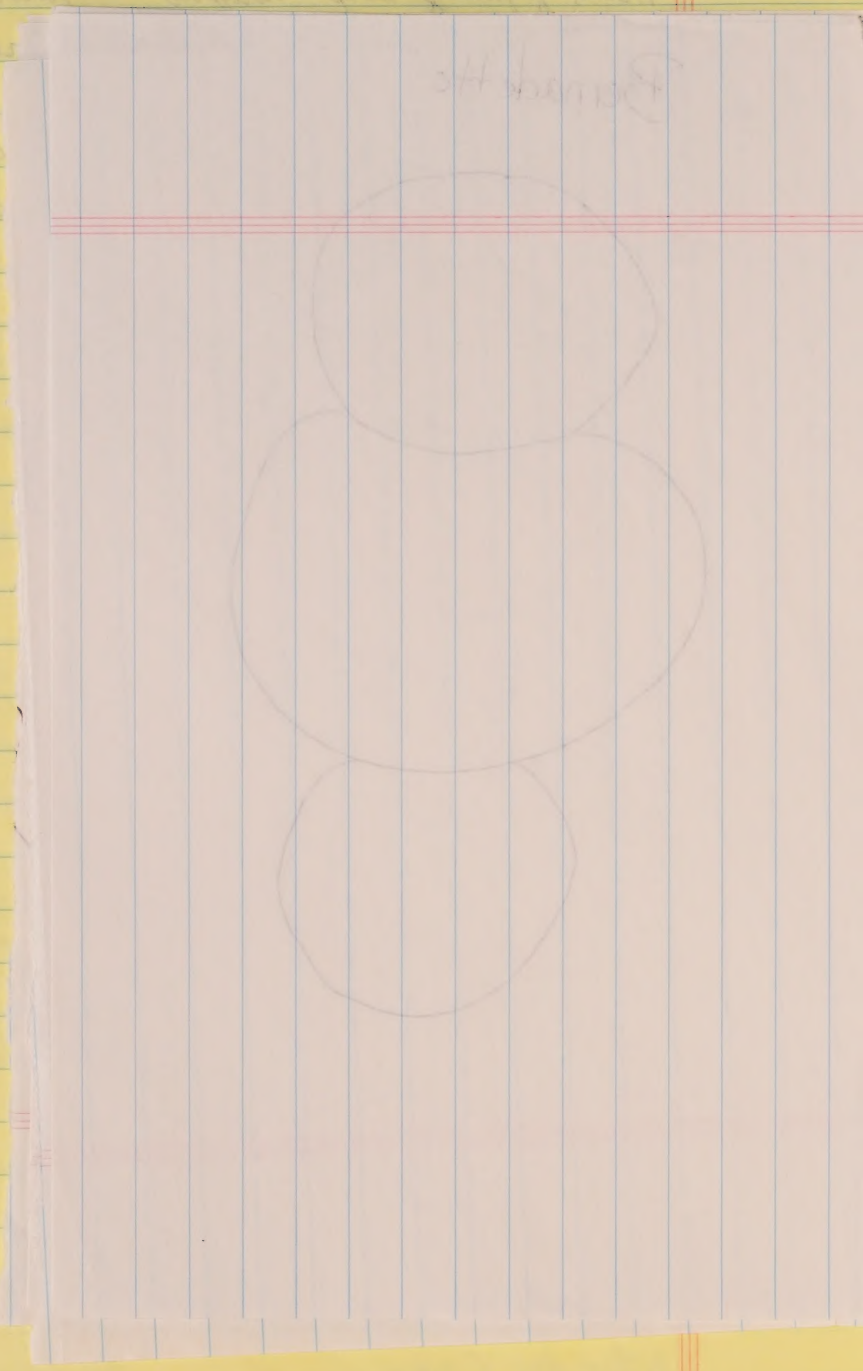

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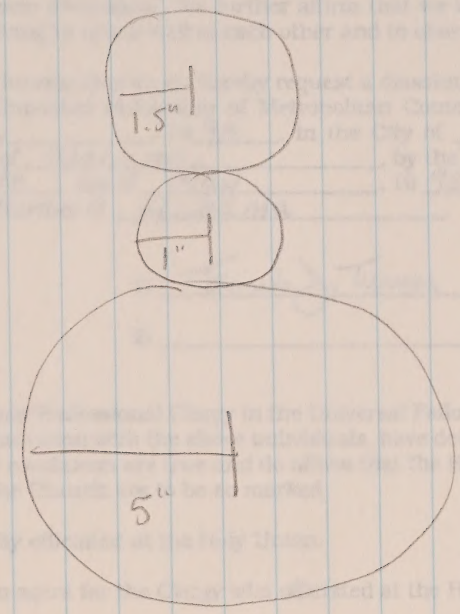

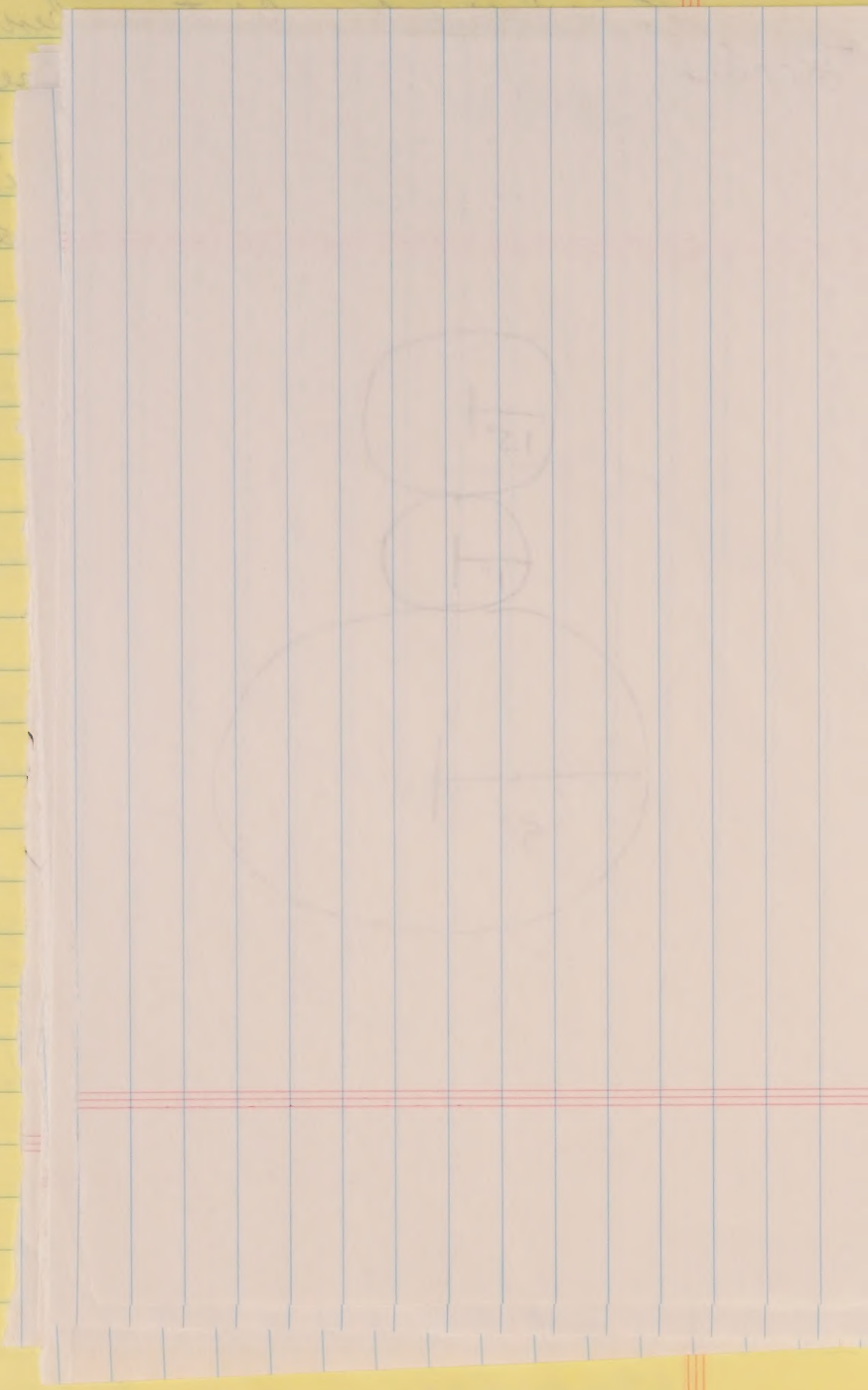

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Signed this 4th day of May, 1995, in the City/Town of Birmingham and the State/Province of Alabama.

1) Tamela J. Turner

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***TISH AND DOTTIE, HOLY UNION AUGUST 6, 1995***

**1:00 SONG-----SUSAN WALKER----------PIANO----ROMEO AND JULIET THEME**

**1:05 SONG-----DEBBIE TATE----------SINGS--------THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE**
( ENTER DURING SONG )

BECAUSE THIS HOLY UNION IS AN HONORABLE AND JOYOUS OCCASION, YET A SACRED COMMITTMENT, IT SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO THOUGHTFULLY AND ADVISEDLY. AT THIS TIME WE ARE GATHERED IN THE SIGHT OF A LOVING GOD AND THIS COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO WITNESS TWO WOMAN ENTER INTO A COVENANT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD, WHICH WILL REFLECT THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT EACH OTHER AND ABOUT THAT GOD.

THOSE WHO TAKE THE VOWS OF HOLY UNION ARE BROUGHT INTO THE CLOSEST AND MOST SACRED OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS THEIR LIVES ARE BLENDED INTO ONE AS THE WATERS OF CONFLUENT STREAMS ARE MINGLED, AND THENCEFORTH, THEY SHARE THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF LIFE. FROM THIS CLOSE AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP SPRING OBLIGATIONS OF THE MOST SOLEMN AND LASTING CHARACTER. THEY ARE UNDER OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT ONE ANOTHER, TO SHIELD EACH OTHER FROM THE ROUGH STORMS OF THE WORLD, TO MAINTAIN UNFALTERING FIDELITY, TO CHERISH EACH OTHER WITH UNFAILING AFFECTION, AND TO GUARD EACH OTHER'S HAPPINESS WITH UNCEASING VIGILANCE.

LET US PRAY: LOVING GOD, WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO BE PRESENT WITH US AT THIS MOST SACRED OCCASION. WE SEEK YOUR BLESSING FOR THESE TWO WOMAN WHO ARE ABOUT TO ENTER INTO A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER PROMISING TO UPHOLD AND GUARD EACH OTHER THROUGH OUT A LIFETIME TOGETHER. GUARD THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE TWO WOMAN, THAT IT MAY BE AN UPHOLDING ONE AND A CHERISHING ONE. MAKE THEM TRULY LOVING AND GENTLE IN THEIR REGARD FOR THE OTHER'S DIGNITY AND INTEGRITY. CHERISH THEM LORD, AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR SIGHT FOREVER. AMEN

THE ENTRUSTING:

1. WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THESE TWO WOMAN, STAND WITNESS FOR THEM, AND ENTRUST THEM TO EACH OTHER? ( RESPONSE: " WE WILL" )

2. DO YOU AFFIRM AND STAND WITNESS TO THE LOVE OF TISH AND DOTTIE FOR EACH OTHER? ( RESPONSE: "YES, WE DO" )

3. DO YOU NOW ENTRUST THEM TO EACH OTHER IN HOPE THAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE ENDURING AND FULFILLING? ( RESPONSE: " YES, WE DO" )

SCRIPTURE READING: O.T. ( RUTH )

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PAUL SPEAKS OF THE MOST PERFECT LOVE IN HIS FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS .." IF I SPEAK IN HUMAN TONGUES OR ANGELIC VOICES, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM ONLY A NOISY GONG OR CLANGING CYMBAL..IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND HAVE ALL FAITH EVEN TO MOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT DO NOT HAVE LOVE, I AM NOTHING.. IF I GIVE AWAY ALL THAT I HAVE, AND DELIVER MY BODY TO BE BURNED, AND DO NOT HAVE LOVE IN MY LIFE, I WILL HAVE GAINED NOTHING...

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS BEING KIND, LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS, LOVE DOES NOT BOAST OR BRAG. LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE..LOVE IS NOT SELFISH OR SELF-SEEKING. LOVE IS NOT EASILY ANGERED AND KEEPS NO RECORD OF MISTAKES. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN WRONGFULNESS, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.

LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES, LOVE NEVER FAILS...."

## RUTH

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, RUTH AND NAOMI ARE A MODEL FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WOMEN...WHEN NAOMI TRIED TO SEND RUTH BACK TO HER PEOPLE, RUTH'S RESPONSE WAS: " ENTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE YOU OR TO RETURN FROM FOLLOWING AFTER YOU. FOR WHERE YOU GO, I WILL GO: AND WHERE YOU LODGE, I WILL LODGE. YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND YOUR GOD SHALL BE MY GOD. WHERE YOU DIE, I WILL DIE AND THERE WILL I BE BURIED. MAY GOD DO SO TO ME AND MORE ALSO, IF EVEN DEATH PARTS ME FROM YOU."

-----MARGE------

**EXCHANGE OF RINGS:** ( REPEAT AFTER ME.)

DOTTIE TISH

I TISH TAKE YOU DOTTIE AS MY BELOVED, TO LOVE,RESPECT,AND CHERISH FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. WEAR THIS RING AS A SYMBOL OF OUR UNION, AND A SIGN TO ALL THE WORLD, OF OUR LOVE AND DEVOTION TO ONE ANOTHER. I PROCLAIM MY TRUST IN YOU, I PROCLAIM MY LOVE FOR YOU, I AM HAPPY TO BE A PART OF YOU. WHEN EVER I SEE YOUR RING, I WILL REMEMBER ALL THAT I HAVE PLEDGED TO YOU HERE THIS DAY.

MARGE: I CHARGE YOU TISH AND DOTTIE TO MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY FOR WONDER AND ADVENTURE, FOR SPONTANEITY AND HUMOR. TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE, WARM, AND SENSITIVE. GIVE FULLY TO EACH OTHER, SHOW YOUR FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER. SAVE TIME FOR EACH OTHER, NO MATTER WHAT DEMANDS ARE MADE UPON YOUR DAY. I CHARGE YOU TO NUTURE EACH OTHER TO FULLNESS AND WHOLENESS, REALIZING THAT EACH OF YOU WILL NEED AT TIMES TO BRING STRENGTH AND SUPPORT AND WORTH TO THE OTHER. I CHARGE YOU, AS YOU GROW TO LOVE EACH OTHER MORE DEEPLY TO DISCOVER OUT OF THIS LOVE, A LOVE FOR ALL CREATION IN WHICH THE MYSTERY OF YOUR LOVE HAS HAPPENED.

**SONG----------SUSAN WALKER SINGS " HOW BEAUTIFUL "**

COMMUNION: ( USHERS BRING ELEMENTS TO ALTAR FROM THE BACK )

MARGE CONSECRATES AND SERVES TISH AND DOTTIE

MARGE: YOU HAVE EXCHANGED PROMISES, YOU HAVE SOUGHT GOD'S BLESSING, YOU HAVE UNITED YOURSELVES IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. PLAY TOGETHER. PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE OPENLY BOTH IN WORDS AND ACTIONS. DO THESE THING WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ON THIS DAY YOU JOINED YOURSELVES TO ONE ANOTHER IN A RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LOVE.

AS YOU HAVE MUTUALLY ASSUMED THIS HOLY COVENANT. I DO AS PASTER OF COVENANT METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRONOUNCE YOU JOINED IN HOLY UNION IN THE NAME OF THE ONE GOD, OUR CREATOR, THE CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. THOSE WHOM GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER LET NO ONE PUT ASSUNDER.

**YOU MAY KISS: XXXXX**

BENEDICTION: MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY GOD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY GOD'S COUNTENANCE BE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

**SONG---------RECESSIONAL--------" MY GIRL "----------**

MARGE: COVENANTED RELATIONSHIPS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPANIONSHIP IN THE FULL SENSE. GOD DOES NOT DESIRE FOR US TO BE ALONE, BUT TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER, TO BE IN COMMUNITIES, AND FAMILIES. THE BOOK OF FIRST JOHN HAS A PASSAGE WHICH READS: "HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE GOD HAS LAVASHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD. LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. WE KNOW THAT WE LIVE IN GOD AND GOD IN US, BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST. GOD IS LOVE ." THROUGH GOD'S LOVE SHARED IN RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER, WE FIND THE SPIRITUAL BOND OF LOVE ENABLING US TO BE IN COVENANT WITH EACH OTHER AND GOD, AND SHARED WITH FRIENDS, COMMUNITIES, AND FAMILIES.

DOTTIE TISH

**THE VOWS**: WILL YOU JOIN HANDS. WILL YOU TISH, HAVE DOTTIE, WHOSE HAND YOU HOLD TO BE YOUR BELOVED, AND DO YOU SOLEMNLY PROMISE THAT YOU WILL LOYALLY PROTECT HER, ENCOURAGE HER, HONOR HER,LOVE HER, BE AFFECTIONATE TOWARD HER,CHERISH HER IN ADVERSITY AS WELL AS PROSPERITY, AND TO KEEP TO EACH OTHER ONLY, AS LONG AS YOU BOTH SHALL LIVE.

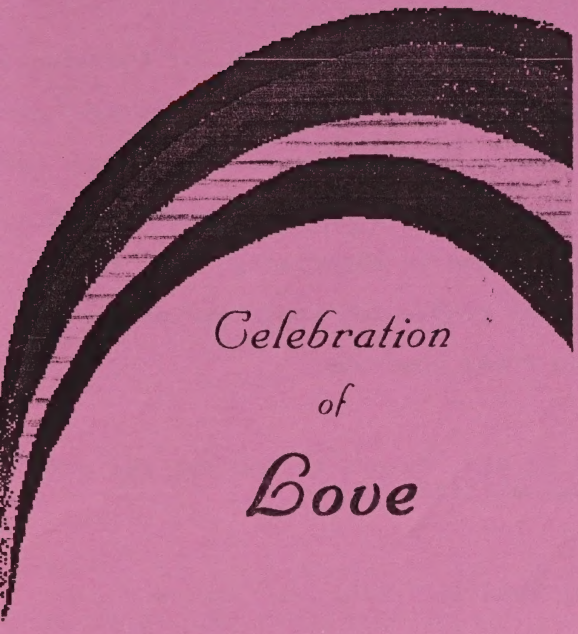
RESPONSE: " I WILL "

LET US PRAY: ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE NATURE IS LOVE, LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON THESE WOMEN WHO DESIRE NOW TO MAKE THEIR VOWS BEFORE YOU. GRANT THIS TO BE MORE THAN AN OUTWARD UNION, BUT RATHER THE BLENDING OF THE HEARTS, AND SPIRITS, AND PURPOSE. BLESS EACH WITH THE INWARD QUALITIES OF LOYALTY, HONOR, TRUST, PATIENCE, AND FORGIVENESS, THAT THEY MAY KEEP FAITHFULLY THIS HOLY COVENANT, AND MAY LIVE TOGETHER ALL THEIR DAYS IN TRUE LOVE AND PERFECT PEACE THROUGH THE CONERSTONE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR. AMEN

WE READ IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT WHEN GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH NOAH, GOD SET A RAINBOW IN THE SKY AS A TOKEN THERE-OF AND SAID "I WILL LOOK UPON IT, THAT I MAY REMEMBER THE EVERLASTING COVENANT." FROM THIS WE MAY LEARN THAT IT IS WELL FOR US, WHEN WE ENTER INTER SOLEMN AGREEMENT ONE WITH ANOTHER, TO SET APART SOME REMINDER OF WHAT WE HAVE PROMISED. AS TOKENS OF YOUR COVENANT, YOU HAVE EACH SELECTED A RING OF GOLD.

********* MAY I HAVE THE RINGS PLEASE ( RINGS ARE GIVEN TO MARGE ) *********

THESE RINGS ARE SYMBOLS OF COMPLETENESS AND EMBLEMS OF ETERNITY. THEY ARE METAL THAT HAS BEEN TESTED AND PROVEN TRUE. THEY ARE FITTING SYMBOLS OF YOUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER. MAY YOUR LOVE AND FAITH PROVE AS TRUE IN THE TEST OF TIME AS GOLD DOES IN FIRE AND MAY THEY ENDURE UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART AND BEYOND. THESE RINGS MARK THE BEGINNING OF A LIFE JOURNEY TOGETHER FILLED WITH ADVENTURE, PASSION, WONDER, LAUGHTER, TEARS, CELEBRATION, GRIEF AND JOY. MAY THEY BE A SIGN TO YOU OF THE CONTINUING LOVE YOU HAVE PLEDGED TO ONE ANOTHER TODAY.



*Celebration*

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*The Holy Union of*

*Renee' Warr*
*and*
*Pat Turner*

*Saturday, January 20*
*Nineteen Hundred and Ninety six*

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Thank you for being part of our "Celebration of Love". We appreciate the love you have shown to us by being here. All of you have made this day very special by attending.. We would like to especially thank the following people for their assistance in making today possible.

First of all, thanks to God for the gift of eternal life.

A very special "thank you" to

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| Officiant | Rev. Marge Regona |
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| Renee's Escort | Billy W. - Brothe |
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| | Tammy R. |
| | Kathy M. |
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| Vocalist | Kathy M. |
| | Mark M. |
| Pianist | Kathy M. |
| Sound | Stevie H. |
| Ushers | Kim A. |
| | Kelly A. |
| Greeters | Debbie W. |
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We ask for your prayers as we begin our life together.
Thank you for being part of our lives.

Pat and renee´ invite you to attend their reception held immediatly following the service in the church's fellowship hall.

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# HOLY UNION

Keeper of the Stars

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Let us pray: Loving God, we humbly ask you to be present with us at this most sacred occasion. We seek your blessing for these two people who are about to enter into a covenant relationship with each other, promising to uphold and guard each other throughout a lifetime together. We know our human weaknesses and our fallibility. We know that we are often led astray by our needs and desires. Guard the relationship of these two people, that it may be an upholding one and a cherishing one. Make them truly loving and gentle in their regard for the other's dignity and integrity. Cherish them, Lord, and keep them in your sight forever. Amen.

= Stormy

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> Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...so faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Will you join hands. Will you_____ have _____ whose hand you hold, to be your beloved, and do you solemnly promise that you will loyally protect her, honor her, love her, and cherish her in adversity as well as prosperity and keep to each other only, as long as you both shall live? (Repeat)

Answer: I will.

What tokens of sincerity do you have? (Rings)

These rings are symbols of completeness and emblems of eternity. They are metal that has been tested and proven true. They are fitting symbols of your love for each other. May your love and faith prove as true in the test of time as gold does in fire, and may they endure until death do you part.

These rings mark the beginning of a life journey together filled with wonder, surprises, laughter, tears, celebration, grief, and joy. May they be a sign to you of the continuing love you have pledged to one another today.

Let us pray: Lord, we ask you to bless these rings; may they be truly the never-ending circle of love they represent, and may that love be as strong as their metal, with your help. In Jesus' name, Amen.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS: I, _____ take you, _____as my beloved, to love, respect, and cherish for the rest of my life. Wear this ring as a symbol of our union and a sign to all the world of our love and devotion to one another. I proclaim my trust in you, I proclaim my love for you, I am happy to be a part of you. Whenever I see your ring, I will remember all that I have pledged to you here this day. (Repeat).

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Unity Candle — Celebration of Love

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Communion – Song

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BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God's countenance be lifted up upon you and give you peace, now and forevermore, Amen.

You may embrace – Music

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Witnesses

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Reverend Marjorie F. Ragona
Pastor
Covenant Metropolitan Community Church

RITE OF HOLY UNION

OF

PAT and RENEE

4:pm Beverly and Stormy will light candles. Be seated to side of organ.
Kim will escort Melody to second pew on right. Return to the back.
Kelly will escort to second pew on left. Return to the back.

4:05 pm * Start tape 'Kenny G'

* When Music starts Marge Will enter from back and take place in center on second step.

* Jordan on the left Kristal on right.
walks down isle when reaches end of isle will seperate Jordan goes to left to first step and stands. Kristal goes to right to first step.
will be marked

* Robin on the left Tammy on the right
end of isle go to places will be marked on the floor

* Beverly P. on the left Kathy M on the right
end of isle go to places marked behind first two on floor

******** Start Tape "KEEPER OF THE STARS"

* When first verse starts Billy on left Renee on right
Start walking go to places marked on the floor

* When second verse starts Jimmy on the right Pat on the left
Start walking go to places marked on the floor
When they reach front Billy and Jimmy will kiss them on cheek
then join Pat and Renees handstogether and be seated on the
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Stormy — Moves to pulpit

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Marge Will you join hands. Will you Pat have Renee´ whose hand you hold, to be your beloved, and do you solemnly promise that you will loyally protect her, honor her, love her, and cherish her in adversity as well as prosperity and keep to each other only, as long as you both shall live?

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Marge Will you Renee´ have Pat whose hand you hold, to be your beloved, and do you solemly promise that you will loyally protect her, honor her, love her, and cherish her in adversity as well as prosperity and keep to each other only, as long as you both shall live?

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Go to seats — sit on front pew. Beverly, Stormy, Beverly P., Kathy M.

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UNITY CANDLE

Song

"Celebration of Love" Kathy M. and Mark Moore

On first chorus walk over to candle take your time and light the thing. Goo Goo at each other look at Kathy and Mark while they are singing. Return back to your place in center. And Goo GOo some more until song is finished

Marge

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COMMUNION

per Marge's instructions

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YOU MAY KISS

Song — Start Tape when Marge says You may Kiss

Nothings gonna stop us now

Pat and Renee turns and exit down center isle with wedding party following..